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Cu gran mayoria

Tweede Kamer a aproba refinanciamento di "coronalening"

Diamars ultimo Tweede Kamer na Den Haag a trata e tema cu tabata riba agenda cu ta relaciona cu e decision di gobierno Hulandes, pa refinancia e asina yama "coronalening" cual lo mester a wordo paga full pa e tres islanan pa dia 10 di October.

E punto aki mescos cu varios otro asunto cu tin di haber cu e ministerio di Koninkrijksrelaties, na inicio di e luna aki, caba a wordo considera pa Tweede Kamer cu nan no ta ser considera asuntonan "controversieel" y cu gobierno por sigui atende cu esakinan sin mester warda riba un gobierno nobo.

E tempo ey e fraccionnan di VVD, D66, PvdA, GroenLinks y Partij voor de Dieren, a dicidi cu e asuntonan di e ministerio di Alexandra van Huffelen pa loke ta asuntonan di Reino, lo cana nan proceso normal.

Diamars ultimo 26 di September, Tweede Kamer sin mucho discusion a aproba cu gran mayoria e "refinanciamento" di e prestamo aki caminda Aruba a ricibi un suma di 476.1 miyon euro, Corsou a ricibi un suma di 473.7 miyon euro mientras cu Sint Maarten a ricibi un suma di 164.5 miyon euro pa e tres islanan aki por mantene nan mes economicamente cabes riba awa durante di e pandemia di covid.

For di e tempo ey a cuestiona e hecho cu Hulanda di un parti a brinda "ayudo" financiero den temponan super dificil pero di otro banda a pone den tempo di crisis mundial, un condicion cu e islanan aki tin cu paga e debenan aki prome cu 10 di October.
Un asunto cu no ta cuadra ya cu mesun



islanan cu no tabatin placa suficiente pa supera e crisis, t wordo pone den un situacion cu realmente ya no por wordo describi como "yudansa."
Ta bin acerca cu ta for di e debe aki, gobierno Hulandes a dicidi di pone presion riba tur tres isla, pa diferente motibo, cu ki interes nan lo tin cu paga e debe aki bek.

Pa Corsou y Sint Maarten gobierno Hulandes, mustrando un biaha mas su banda ilogico, a dicidi cu pa salba e fondo di pensioen di Ennia den cual tin 30 mil pensionado registra, Corsou y Sint Maarten lo tin cu bay di acuerdo pa haci otro prestamo di monstruoso di casi 600 miyon.
Un suma cu algun luna atras, Secretario di Estado van Huffelen a informa Tweede Kamer cu su persona no ta kere cu Corsou lo caba di paga e debe aki ni pa siguiente siglo.

ARUBA
Den caso di Aruba no tin ningun asunto di fraude cu fondo di pensioen of algo otro pero e unico punto ta cu Hulanda kier tin un "vinger in de pap" pa loke ta finansa publico, apesar cu tanto ex Secretario di Estado Raymond Knops como e actual mandatario van Huffelen a informa Tweede Kamer cu Aruba ta un di e islanan mas rico di Caribe.

Poniendo presion pa den futuro ta Hulanda ta dicidi kico lo pasa cu entradanan di pais Aruba, a insisti pa Gabinete Wever Croes introduci via di Parlamento un ley di RAft, loke gran parti di Parlamento di Aruba a mustra di no ta sostene e pensamento aki.

Pa motibo cu gobierno di Aruba a para duro y a informa Prome Minister Evelyn Wever Croes cu lo no sostene e ley di RAft, gobierno Hulandes a dicidi cu na luga di duna pais Aruba un interes abou pa loke ta e debe di 476.1 miyon euro, esaki lo bira un interes mas halto di entre 5% te cu 6%, te na ora cu Parlamento di Aruba no aproba pa oficialisa e ley di RAft.

Pues en realidad loke tin awor aki ta cu Aruba tin cu paga un interes mas halto y cual lo tin un duracion di dos aña prome cu e wordo revisa atrobe y como tal ta dificil pa kere cu por lo pronto e ley di RAft lo bira realidad!!

Gobierno ta ricibi manifesto di Sindicato TOPA tocante Prestatiemanagement Sisteem

Un sistema uniforme pa evalua e funcionamento di tur empleado publico







Diaranson mainta, Sindicato TOPA a acerca Gobierno na Bestuurskantoor cu un manifesto riba e tema di Prestatiemanagement Sisteem. Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes, Minister Geoffrey Wever y Minister Rocco Tjon a ricibi e grupo sindicalista.

Prome Minister a remarca cu Prestatiemanagement Sisteem ta un sistema cu sin duda tur hende ta convenci di su importancia pa sector publico. E ta un sistema uniforme pa evalua e funcionamento di tur empleado publico. Di e manera aki por evalua con e trabou ta bayendo y si e empleado publico ta bin na remarke pa haya un promocion.

E motibo cu Gobierno di Aruba a introduci e sistema aki ta pasobra prome cu esaki no tawata tin un sistema uniforme pa evalua den e sector publico. Algun departamento di gobierno tin nan propio sistema, mientras otronan no tin un sistema asina elabora. For di empleadonan publico a drenta reclamonan cu den algun departamento, empleadonan ta haya promocion basta facil mientras cu na otro departamento, esaki ta hopi dificil. Tambe empleadonan ta reclama cu nan no sa riba kico nan ta wordo evalua, y tin di warda te fin di aña pa haya sa resultado di nan evaluacion. Den nos tempo, esakinan ta cosnan cu den departamentonan di Gobierno no por sigui pasa.

Cu e Prestatie Management Sisteem cada empleado sa di adelanta riba kico e ta wordo evalua y e empleado mes ta indica tambe kico ta e tarea y e metanan cu e kier logra. Durante di aña, e hefe di departamento lo evalua cada empleado. “Esaki ta un sistema cu mi ta sigur cu tur hende ta para su tras”, Prome Minister a remarca.

E ley di Prestatie Management Sisteem a wordo introduci aña pasa y a drenta na vigor na januari e aña aki. Sindicatonan, sinembargo a acerca Gobierno pa haci algun cambio. Gobierno a invita tur sindicato pero Sindicato TOPA ta e unico cu a sigui na mesa cu Gobierno y a trece nan puntonan na atencion di Gobierno.

Hunto cu nan manifesto, Sindicato TOPA a trece un rapport, por cierto basta diki, y a entrega esaki na Prome Minister. E rapport aki ya caba Sindicato TOPA a entrega na e comision cu Gobierno a institui pero nan no a haya contesta riba esaki cua ta e motibo tambe cu nan a entrega nan manifesto pidiendo Gobierno un contesta dentro di dos siman.

“Mi a gradici Sindicato TOPA pa semper ta na mesa cu Gobierno y pa semper tin un actitud y posicion constructivo pa yega na un solucion. Gobierno sigur lo sinta cu nan y duna nan un contesta riba nan puntonan di preocupacion pa asina finalisa e aña aki, un aña cu ta wordo considera un aña piloto pa loke ta trata e Prestatie Management Sisteem. Y pa aña 2024, cuminsa implementa esaki completo teniendo cuenta cu loke e sindicatonan a trece padilanti. Aunke cu no ta tur sindicato a sinta na mesa cu e comision cu Gobierno a institui, Gobierno a tene cuenta cu tur preocupacion pa asina haci Prestatie Management Sisteem un miho producto cu na final di dia Aruba por beneficia di un producto cu nos tur ta kere den dje y por wordo aplica den tur departamento di Gobierno y sector publico por haya un sistema uniforme di evaluacion”, Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes a duna di conoce.

OPINION PUBLICO

Ministerio Publico cu tactica inhumano contra pensionado

Señor redactor, permiti un espacio den Bo corant pa mi por denuncia y na mes momento cuestiona e tactica cu Ministerio Publico a bin ta aplicando den su afan pa cobra boetnan atrasa.

Mi ta cuminsa pa mustra cu tin un dicho cu nos bieunan antes tabata uza, esta cu “placa ta diabel” y parce cu Ministerio Publico ta aplicando un sistema cu mi ta considera diabolico den su afan pa presiona principalmente esunnan di menos recurso, pa nan paga nan boetnan di trafico.

Mi tata ta un pensionado viudo, kende tin su auto y ta bibando cerca un ruman di dje den un apartamento cu tur luna e tin cu paga huur y e no ta un pensionado cu a bin for di e sector publico, caminda e pensioen ta mucho mas halto cu esunnan cu a traha añanan largo den sector priva.

Recientemente mi tata a pasa den un experiencia sumamente fastioso, ya cu un oficial di oficina di Ministerio Publico, a yama mi ruman pa avisa cu nos tata ta deteni pa motibo cu e tin dos multa habri cu nunca el a paga.

E mesun trahado aki ta informa mi ruman cu si e no bin paga e multa cu ta riba nomber di mi tata, nan lo transporte pa KIA pa asina den detencion pa pasa 20 dia den detencion pa asina e cumpli cu su debe na sociedad, pa pone den bunita palabra.
Ta mas cu claro cu mi ruman mesora a actua, ya cu ningun di nos kier pa nos tata pasa un solo anochi den prizon, ya cu semper e tabata un homber ehemplar cu bon manera y semper a trata tur hende den bon manera.

Nos a logra di busca y haya e suma necesario cu cual nos a paga e dos multanan pero aki mi tin cu mustra, cu henter e experencia, pa nos mes cu ta mas hoben di edad, henter e situacion aki a laga nos hopi afecta moralmente.

Mi kier sa cu ta te awor cu mi tata ta un pensionado el a haya e multanan di trafico aki ya cu nunca antes el a yega di wordo multa pa cualkier infraccion den trafico.
Cu nos tata a wordo bon trata pa oficialnan di Ministerio Publico ta un hecho pero e solo pensamento como yiu, cu hasta esunnan den husticia ta practica e tipo di tacticanan aki, el a pone nos duda den integridad di e institucion aki.

Un institucion cu ciudadanonan tin cu sinti nan mes protegi, tin cu sinti nan mes trankil pa motibo cu nan aspecto legal ta bon representa pa e institucion cu yama Ministerio Publico pero na momento cu autoridadnan ta bay over na ehecuta un medida cu realmente ta parce riba un acto cla di “intimidacion” y un acto cla di presion mental contra di un homber grandi, esaki nos ta condena tur momento.

Cu mi tata mester paga su multanan ta un hecho pero aki Ministerio Publico tin cu ta bon na altura cu pa cualkier ciudadano bay paga su multa of multanan, e mester a wordo poni na altura cu e tin cu bin paga na oficina di Ministerio Publico.
Si un hende no ricibi cobransa di e multa, nan no sa mes ki dia nan tin cu bin paga y na unda nan tin cu haci esaki y claramente aki mi tin cu mustra cu nos tata a keda afecta, ya cu algun dia despues el a pidi mi ruman y mi persona, pa busca un benta pa su auto.

Awor mi kier puntra Ministerio Publico, si un ciudadano cu a presta un persona placa anto esaki no kier paga mas, e ciudadano aki tin derecho di ‘secuestra’ esun cu debe placa pa asina e forsa su famianan bin paga e debe aki???
No tog ya cu e lo wordo castiga pa secuestro y hasta loke ta conoci pa ley como “afpersing” cual pa tur dos tin castigo hopi fuerte.

No trata nos hendenan grandi di e forma aki, aki ya cu e pais aki pa loke e ta representa awe, a wordo construi pa nan cu a traha semper cu tur dedicacion cu nan tin.”

Un danki na Señor redactor
(Nomber y adres conoci na redaccion)



GOBIERNO TIN CU MANTENE CENTRO DI ORANJESTAD MAS LIMPI

E proceso di revitalisacion di centro di Oranjestad, no ta bayendo den un forma acelera manera a spera ya cu di e forma con e prome etapa ta bayendo den Columbustraat, e ta duna un mal señal pa ehecucion di loke ta resta di e proceso aki.

Centro di ciudad no ta gosa di e interes di antes pero na mes momento tin cu mustra cu si tur hende para man crusa,incluso Gobierno, e situacion lo sigui empeora y por tuma mas tempo y mas placa pa bolter e situacion cu tin na e momentonan aki.

Un aspecto cu ta wordo neglisha por completo na e momentonan aki, ta cu mantencion di e centro ta laga hopi, demasiado hopi pa tene esaki riba un nivel cu lo haci atractivo den corto tempo, pa esaki motiva inversionistanan cu lo kier inverti den e Caya Grandi.

Gobierno tin cu apunta un "ploeg" dor di DOW cu tin cu keda encarga pa mantene centro di ciudad mas limpi cu ta posibel, tin cu cambia e aparencia cu tin na e momentonan aki caminda tin hopi edificio bashi, mal manteni y rond di tur esakinan, tin acumulacion di sushi na granel.
E ta rekeri atencion di inmediato ya cu loke por mira na e momentonan aki, ta no solamente un centro bandona pero un centro yen di sushi y sin ningun instancia cu ta encarga cu esaki.

Pa colmo tin cierto sitionan cu no tin mag di tin sushi, sigur ora cu coy por ehempel e "Stadhuis" caminda ciudadanonan ta drenta enlace matrimonial, cu ta un joya di un edificio, totalmente restaura y hunto cu e edificio di Censo na e parti patras, e ta henter un parti historico y cu e plan di Gobierno pa restaura otro edificio historico na otro banda di caminda, lo ta na su luga pa drecha e imagen di e sector aki.

Por ehempel riba e foto adhunto cu e articulo aki, por mira acumulacion di sushi riba e caya net pabou di e Stadhuis, cu tin dianan largo para asina, sin cu ningun grupo ta atende pa ruim op esaki y percura pa e edificio historico aki, keda mantene su atraccion y no memey di sushi cu tin plama na tur banda di e edificio.

Hasta riba Placa Padu tin cu duna esaki mas atencion, ya cu cada pasa un periodo, cu por cierto ta mucho largo, ta mira un ploeg cu ta bin haci mantencion na e plasa pero esaki ta rekeri atencion practicamente un dia tur siman ya cu ta trata di sitionan cu tin na balor cultural y historico.

Parlamentario independiente, mr. Gerlien Croes:

Presupuesto 2024 presenta na Parlamento cu cifra di interes ficticio

Mientras Gobierno ta campaña contra RAft, nan a prepara y entrega un presupuesto 2024 na Parlamento di Aruba basa ariba e gastonan di interes di 3.2% proponi den e Rijkswet Aruba Financieel Toezicht (Raft).

E presupuesto presenta, cu ya parlamentarionan por haci pregunta riba dje, ta basa ariba un interes ficticio. "E realidad ta cu ainda Aruba, en todo caso gobierno, ta indeciso pa locual cu ta e negociamento cu Hulanda y no solamente ta tuma pueblo haci pero tambe e organo di mas halto na nos pais. Ta festeha di a entrega un presupuesto na ora, pero e presupuesto mes ta basa ariba un Rijkswet cu nan mes ta campañando contra dje. Tur esaki, despues cu Minister President mes a firma aceptando e proposicion di un RAft inicialmente.

"Hasta gobernador a remarca cu ta preocupante di no sa ainda kico e situacion lo bira pa cu e interes proponi den e presupuesto presenta na nos," durante su discurso na apertura di aña parlamentario, asina Croes a comenta.

E gabinete actual ta continuamente trece dilanti cu e situacion na Aruba ta hopi positivo riba e area turistico, pero e resultado aki no ta traduciendo den un desaroyo positivo pa e pais y pa e comunidad, sigur no financieramente.
P'esey mes Parlamentario Croes ta argumenta cu cada decision cu no ta tumando ta costa placa di pueblo y cada decision cu tuma siguientemente mester ta na beneficio di pueblo.



Aworaki gobierno ta papia di haci un proposicion na Hulanda pa bin cu otro rijkswet y no e RAft cu ya caba nan a firma pe dos aña pasa. Tambe tin papia riba un posibilidad di contract di fiansa di dos aña cu un interes mas halto cu loke tin awo presupuesta pa 2024.

Croes: *"Na final di dia tur esaki, tur impacto financiero ta pueblo ta paga cu belasting y na cierto momento mi ta kere cu si nos wak e situacion social y e crisis cu tin ey'fo financieramente den cada cartera di ciudadano, Aruba tin mester di decision aworaki cu ta na nan beneficio realmente y cu nos por eventualmente crea espacio y hala rosea pa nos por inverti den e pais aki y crea speransa un biaha mas den comunidad."*

Ta momento pa pone un stop na discusion politico y hunga cu emocionnan di pueblo. Despues di dos aña como parlamentario, mi ta keda carga speransa cu cos lo cambia un dia den e organonan di mas halto di Aruba y cu pueblo por haya un representacion cu realmente tin e futuro di nos pais na pecho.

Parlamentario Marco Berlis (MEP):

Papel ta corta: E posicion contradictorio di partido MAS riba e RAft

Nan ta pone un cos preto riba blanco awe, papia algo otro mañan

Ta bisto cu hopi hende tin un opinion riba e Ley di Raft, hasta si nan no tin un idea kico e contenido real ta. Percepcion kico ta e contenido di e RAft ta, ta wordo comunica pa politiconan den coalicion y oposicion tambe. E realidad y contenido di RAft tin hopi hende confundi. P'esey awe un biaha mas, mi ta bay provee e berdad sunu pa pueblo cu documento na man pa pueblo wak pa su mes, kende ta papia e berdad y kende ta gaña atrobe! Pueblo mes lo por deduci con politiconan den oposicion ta cla pa entrega y bende nos patria pa dies placa na Hulanda!

Puntonan di fraccion MAS den e verslag di Staten 20 di Mei 2022 cual a bay pa Tweede Kamer. Akinan ta sigui e "zienswijze," e manera con Marisol Lopez-Tromp ta wak e RAft, pero no ta bisa nada di esaki den publico. Alcontrario, e ta papia contra su mesun preocupacionnan y ta canta otro storia den prensa y videonan cu Gobierno mester acepta e Raft manera cu e ta. Marisol den su politica di decepcion ta vocifera completamente contrario di loke e la skirbi den su verslag.

Lese pa bo mes:

1. Riba pagina 15, e prome frase di nan zienswijze ta expresa lo siguiente: "Pa loke ta trata e meta ambicioso pa yega na un finansa publico sostenibel, MAS ta haya cu esaki no a wordo pensa ni planifica bon." (Pa Hulanda)
2. MAS ta sigui declara: "E ta importante cu e normanan di e presupuesto ta realistico y alcansabel, sino e no tin sentido pa pone nan den e ley." (Di RAft)
3. MAS ta sigui elabora: "Hulanda tabata tin mucho poco atencion pa e hecho cu ora pone metanan hopi ambicioso pa e presupuesto di Aruba, esaki lo forma riesgonan serio pa e capacidad di crecemento economico pa Aruba.
4. Na pagina 16, bao di e punto "Aandachtspunten en Wenselijkheid" Marisol ta bisa: Diversificacion di e economia Arubano ta bon, solamente si inversionan por wordo haci. E ta bay akinan pa cientos di miyones di florin cu gobierno di Aruba ta bay tin mester. Metanan di presupuesto por stroba e inversionnan ki. Ni den e ley, ni den e splicacion ta wordo informa con Hulanda ta pensa riba e aspecto aki. E pregunta ta, con e Raft lo haci cu metanan di presupuesto, pa esakinan no bay stroba e inversionnan internacional yega Aruba.

Esakinan ta algun di e puntonan di MAS, cu a bay pa Tweede Kamer den e verslag. Lastimamente cu hamas e contestacion di Tweede Kamer a yega, pasobra Hulanda no kier a contesta niun Fraccion. Den e cuadro aki, con Marisol Lopez-Tromp y sra.Gunn kier declara cu nan kier e RAft sin nunca



a ricibi contesta riba nan preguntanan y preocupacionan?

Mirando e consecuencianan grave cu por surgi pa via di e Raft, con pueblo ainda por tuma Marisol y Gunn na serio? No ta nan mes a pinta scenarionan devastador den nan zienswijze contra RAft? Con Marisol y Gunn por para anto "pro" un RAft mirando tur e consecuencianan serio cu por tin cun'e, y no comunica esaki cu pueblo? Cual ta e berdadero motibonan pakico nan ta sconde esaki?

"E ta importante cu e normanan di e presupuesto ta realisitico y alcansabel, sino e no tin sentido pa pone nan den e ley." (Zienswijze di MAS, 2022)

Den niun di su discursonan den Parlamento, ni rueda di prensa, ni videonan politico ta parce cu Marisol ta preocupa cu loke e mes a skirbi den e "verslag." Pero pa skirbi cu e normanan di e presupuesto den e Raft ta irrealistico y inalcansabel y cu "Hulanda tabata tin mucho poco atencion pa e hecho cu ora pone metanan hopi ambicioso pa e presupuesto di Aruba, esaki lo forma riesgonan serio pa e capacidad di crecemento economico pa Aruba," y toch bati man duro pe Raft y exigi pe Raft wordo pasa pe gobierno aki sin negocia, ta totalmente inaceptabel.

Marisol su postura y retorica ta condena su mes pasobra e ta mustra mescos Miguel Mansur cu e tin dos cara: Un politico cu ta dispuesto pa grita cualkier cos pa desacredita tur hende, y e otro cu ta reconoce e problema serio cu e Raft actual ta representa pa nos pais den su forma actual. Marisol no ta serio y ta sigui gaña bes tras bes cu e Raft ta excelente pa Aruba.

Awo ken bo ta bay kere? E documento di e "verslag" oficial cu a bay Tweede Kamer of Marisol su mentiranan como politico? Papel ta corta!

Minister Glenbert Croes:

Desde maart 2023, politica di admision, e "handboek toelating" ta den pleno ehecucion

Dialuna ultimo, durante conferencia di prensa di Gobierno, Minister Glenbert Croes a adresa un pregunta haci na su persona pa loke ta trata e tema di admision. Minister Croes a informa cu desde Maart 2023, a drenta den efecto un politica nobo di admision, cu e ta "handboek toelating" cu riba su proposicion a wordo aproba door di Conseho di Minister.

E mandatario a sigui splica cu actualmente na nivel di Dimas y DPL, e "handboek toelating" ta den ful implementacion y ta dunando señalnan positivo. El a indica cu e caminda pa drecha e servicio di Dimas ta largo, pero cu su persona ta satisfecho cu e cambionan den liderazgo cu e departamento ta bin ta haciendo. "Pa loke ta e departamentonan cu ta cay bou mi ministerio, mi lo haci tur loke ta na mi alcance y tur mi esfuerso pa e servicio na comunidad drecha, cuminsando di momento cu e cliente drenta e departamento, brindando respet mutuo", Minister Croes a expresa.



Pa loke ta e cambionan den "handboek toelating", esaki ta contene hopi cambio. Pero e mandatario a simplemente duna dos ehempel durante e rueda di prensa: anteriormente, ora un persona aplica pa un permiso prome biaha, e lo mester warda esaki den exterior. Cu e maneho nobo, nan por warda esaki na Aruba mes. E permiso multi-anual tabata den ley caba desde 2018, pero no tabata wordo aplica. Na e momento aki e ta den ful implementacion. Djis dos ehempel cu e mandatario a duna durante su rueda di prensa.

Tambe ta importante pa menciona cu e politica nobo di admision cu a drenta den efecto Maart 2023, no ta e version final y cu ta na caminda ta realisa e cambio- y adaptacionnan cu mester wordo haci pa e proceso aki ta uno efectivo. Mirando cu e cambionan aki no ta rekeri cambio di ley, ta evalua cada 3 a 6 luna con pa mehora e proceso. E intencion di e "handboek toelating" ta, pa e ta un caminda cu ta duna balor y respet na e dignidad humano.

Si un persona ta legal, su permiso lo wordo renoba sin ningun problema y den ful transparencia. Si e persona ta ilegal, e lo cay bou di e politica di integracion, na unda cu si un compania ta dispuesto pa firma p'e, despues di varios evaluacion, lo tin e posibilidad pa e drenta e mercado laboral. Na momento cu e persona drenta e mercado laboral, el lo paga su belasting y su primanan contribuyendo asina na e economia di pais Aruba. Ademas cu dje forma aki ta combati economia informal den mercado laboral.

Proposicionnan entrega na Hulanda (Pagina. 9,10 y 11)

Carta 31 di augustus 2023 na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen:

Proposicion: Solucion hibrido



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Oranjestad, 31 augustus 2023.

Onderwerp: concept hoofdlijnenakkoord *duurzame overheidsfinanciën Aruba*

Geachte mevrouw van Huffelen,

Naar aanleiding van de ambtelijke uitwisseling, van 29, 30 en 31 augustus jl., inzake het door Aruba aangeboden concept hoofdlijnenakkoord, wens ik het volgende aan te geven.

Aangegeven is dat het concept hoofdlijnenakkoord buiten de kaders gaat van wat eerder door Nederland is gecommuniceerd.
De regering van Aruba heeft zich volledig ingezet om tot een oplossing te komen waarbij het uitgangspunt is geweest, het verkennen van een oplossing in de vorm van 'een rijkswet' zoals in u diverse schrijven is aangegeven.

Het concept hoofdlijnenakkoord is tot stand gekomen met inachtneming van de diverse zienswijzen en door gehoor te geven aan hetgeen door de meerderheid Staten van Aruba is aangegeven. Daarnaast is gekeken naar de diverse reeds gesloten protocollen met Nederland aangaande begrotingstoezicht alsook de Landsverordening Aruba Financieel Toezicht (LAft).

Het aangeboden hoofdlijnenakkoord betreft een concept document met richtlijnen op basis waarvan Aruba het gesprek verder met Nederland wil voeren. Het verzoek van de regering van Aruba is aan u om aan te geven met welke onderdelen van dit concept wel ingestemd kan worden alsook de Nederlandse zienswijze ter zake. Ons uitgangspunt blijft het komen tot een compromis. Gezien de tijd dringt hopende we op een spoedige reactie uwerzijds.

Hoogachtend,

mw. mr. E.C. Wever-Croes
Minister-President

Ya den varios ocupacion, Prome Minister a splica con e negociacionnan cu Hulanda ta bayendo. Den e conferencia di prensa di Gobierno di Aruba dialuna mainta, Prome Minister a splica ampliamente riba e varios proposicionnan cu Aruba a manda Hulanda via cartanan dirigi riba nivel di gobernante na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen.

CARTA 31 DI AUGUSTUS 2023 NA SECRETARIO DI ESTADO ALEXANDRA VAN HUFFELEN:

Den e carta di Gobierno di Aruba riba nivel di Gobierno, cu e fecha di 31 di augustus 2023, manda na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen, Gobierno a presenta un opcion nobo, un 'hoofdlijnen akoord'.

Den e carta aki tambe, Gobierno a mustra cu riba e fechanan di 29, 30 y 31 di augustus, ya caba tawata tin combersacionnan cu a tuma luga riba e proposicion ultimo aki cu tambe Hulanda a rechasa riba nivel di ambtenaar. Sinembargo, despues, den un carta cu e fecha di 16 di September, 2023, Secretario di Estado van Huffelen a indica cu e ta dispuesto pa hiba combersacionnan cu Gobierno di Aruba riba e proposicion aki.

Ta trata aki di e solucion hibrido. E proposicion aki tin riba mesa actualmente y tin mas tanto tempo riba mesa di discusion mientras tur otro a wordo rechasa hopi lihe. Mientras cu e proposicion aki a wordo rechasa na prome instante riba nivel di ambtenaar, e no a wordo rechasa riba nivel di Gobierno, Bestuurlijk.

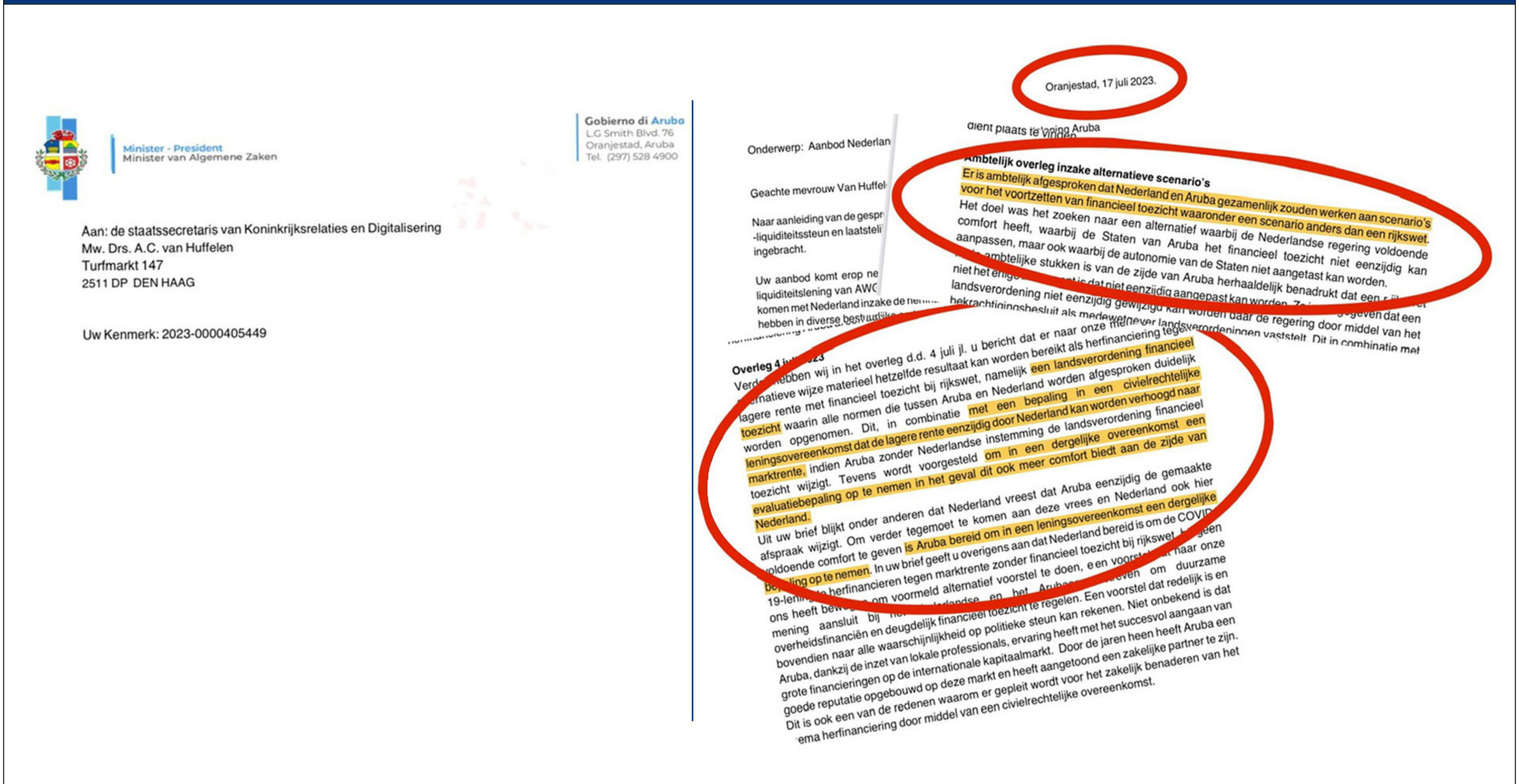


E opcion aki, un direccion hibrido, na unda cu tin algun aspecto den landsverordening, y algun den un rijkswet. Cu esaki, Hulanda lo tin un grip riba algun cos y Parlamento lo tin su autonomia den e landsverordening. Dia 7 di September, Parlamento a bin cu mocionnan y a indica pa e RAft wordo kita for di mesa y pa Gobierno sigui negocia den e direccion hibrido.

"Aruba tin un ekipo di negociado serio. Durante negociacionnan desde juni 2022, Aruba a haci varios proposicion, algun riba nivel di ambtenaar, y despues algun riba nivel di gobierno. Cualkier cu ta e caso, pueblo di Aruba por ta sigur cu Gobierno lo sigui busca e miho alternativa pa Aruba. E ley di RAft no ta bon pa Aruba, y tur conseho riba e RAft ta negativo. Gobierno di Aruba ta sigui busca e miho balans pa henter comunidad", Prome Minister a indica.

Carta 17 di juli 2023 na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen:

Proposicion: Ancra e interes den e Leningsvoorwaarden



Gabinete Wever - Croes II

Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes den e conferencia di prensa di Gobierno di Aruba dialuna mainta a splica ampliamente tur e cartanan cu Gobierno di Aruba a manda pa secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen y e proposicionnan y combersacionnan riba nivel di Gobierno, bestuurlijk. Prome Minister a duna di conoce cu Gobierno di Aruba a manda varios proposicion na Hulanda despues cu a cuminsa cu combersacionnan con Aruba lo paga e debe cu a haci cu Hulanda door di e pandemia pa asina cumpli cu tur obligacion cu e pueblo di Aruba den e temporada dificil di e pandemia.

Gobierno di Aruba, hibando e negociacion riba nivel di gobernante, a manda diferente carta dirigi na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen cu diferente proposicion.

CARTA 17 DI JULI 2023 NA SECRETARIO DI ESTADO ALEXANDRA VAN HUFFELEN:

Den un siguiente carta di Gobierno di Aruba riba nivel di Gobierno, cu fecha di 17 di juli 2023 cu a wordo dirigi na Secretario di Estado van Huffelen, Gobierno ta referi bek na un reunion cu a tuma luga na Aruba dia 4 di juli, 2023 cu e Secretario di Estado van Huffelen.

Den e reunion aki a participa Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes, Vice Prome Minister Ursell Arends, Minister di Finansa Xiomara Maduro, y Minister di Asuntonan Economo Geoffrey Wever.

Proposicion: ancra e interes den e leningsvoorwaarden

Den e carta di 17 di juli Gobierno a indica riba papel, kico ta e proposicion cu Gobierno a haci dia 4 di juli. Gobierno di Aruba, pa calma e preocupacionnan di Hulanda si Aruba por cambia e ley su mes, a propone pa Hulanda presta Aruba e placa na un interes mas abou y si den un futuro un Gobierno of Parlamento dicidi di cambie unilateralmente, e interes ta subi automaticamente y ta bay na interes halto. Esaki tambe ta bay ta un estimulo pa niun hende bay mishi cu e ley ey zomaar.

E proposicion aki pa ancra e interes den e leningsvoorwaarden y laga nan conta mientras tin e debe, ta mesun principio cu un hypotheek na banco, mester cumpli cu e condicionnan y si no cumpli, banco lo actua.

Proposicionnan rechasa

Den e reunion mes, e proposicion aki tambe a wordo rechasa pa Hulanda. Y Gobierno di Aruba sinembargo, riba 17 di juli, a considera importante pa toch elabora un poco mas extenso riba dje. Y despues Gobierno a haya contesta di Hulanda cu e proposicion aki a wordo rechasa pa di dos biaha.

Mientras tanto, Gobierno di Aruba a sigui busca alternativanan pa asina yega na un acuerdo cu Hulanda riba con Aruba lo bay cuminsa paga e debe y sigui cu negociacionnan cu Hulanda.

Carta di dia 7 di februari 2023 na Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen:

Proposicionnan: Onderlinge Regeling y cambio den LAft

Den conferencia di prensa di Gobierno di Aruba dialuna mainta, Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes un biaha mas ta duna un splicacion hopi extenso riba e status di negociacionnan cu Hulanda. Prome Minister a referi na e motibo y necesidad cu Aruba tawata tin pa yega na palabracionnan cu Hulanda despues cu na aña 2020 e pandemia Covid 19 a bati na nos porta.

Gobierno di Aruba desde juni 2022 a cuminsa cu combersacionnan cu Hulanda riba palabracionnan con pa cuminsa paga bek e placa cu a fia. Gobierno a haci varios proposicion riba nivel di ambtenaar (ambtelijk) y riba nivel di Gobierno, (bestuurlijk). Prome Minister a splica mas detaya riba e proposionnan riba nivel di Gobierno, bestuurlijk, presentando pruebanan di e proposicionnan aki haci na Hulanda di e manera cu Gobierno ta propone pa sali di e debe aki cu Hulanda.

CARTA 7 DI FEBRUARI 2023 NA SECRETARIO DI ESTADO ALEXANDRA VAN HUFFELEN:

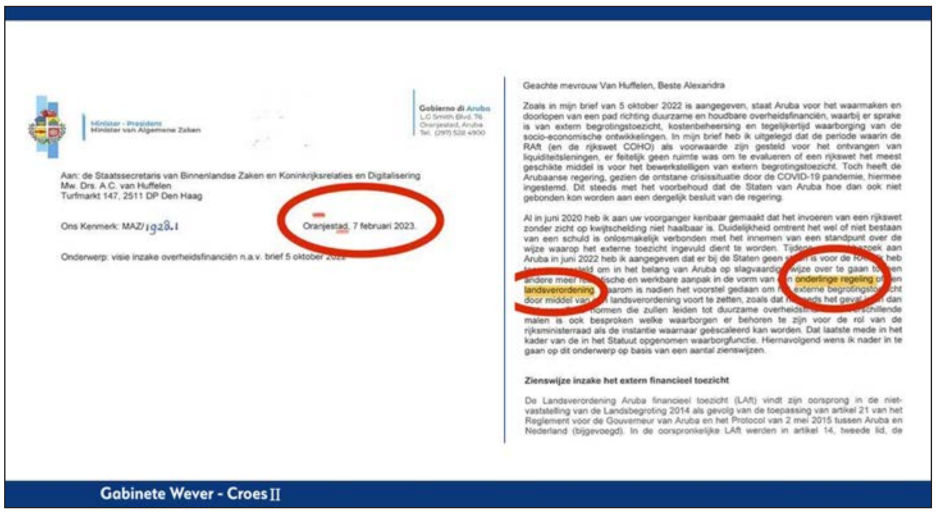
E carta aki, no ta dirigi na niun ambtenaar sino na e Secretario di Estado Alexandra van Huffelen. Den e carta aki, Prome Minister ta recapitula cu ya caba na juni 2022, Gobierno a haci 2 proposicion na Hulanda despues cu na mei 2022, Parlamento di Aruba den su totalidad a expresa di no ta di acuerdo cu e RAft manera cu e tawata ta na e momento ey. Riba esaki, tur fraccion na Aruba tawata critico y tur a pidi pa cambionan wordo haci. Y tambe por a saca afo cu mayoria den Parlamento no ta sostene un Rijkswet mientras e minoria si ta sostene esaki cu adaptacionnan.

Prome proposicion: Onderlinge regeling:

Pa motibo cu e mayoria no tawata sostene un Rijkswet, ya caba na juni, Gobierno a propone pa e RAft bira un onderlinge regeling. Esaki tambe Gobierno a indica den e carta di 7 di februari di e aña aki. Tambe na april, a cuminsa papia cu COHO tampoco ta un rijkswet mas sino e ta bira un onderlinge regeling. Y cu RAft bira un Onderlinge Regeling tambe mescos cu e COHO, lo tin mas flexibilidad y lo keda cla tambe mas lihe y lo a evita tur e lunanan di discusionnan. Sinembargo, Hulanda a indica cu nan no kier esaki.

Di dos proposicion: LAft

Den e mesun reunion di juni 2022, cu tambe a wordo ripiti den e carta manda pa Secretario di Estado van Huffelen, Gobierno a haci un di dos proposicion. Gobierno a propone pa laga e Landsverordening LAft manera cu e ta pero lo añadi algun clausula pa laga Hulanda sinti mas confortabel, cual ta loke cu Hulanda ta buscando pasobra nan no kier pa Aruba unilateralmente cambia e LAft.


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Onderwerp: visie inzake overheidsfinanciën n.a.v. brief 5 oktober 2022

Geachte mevrouw Van Huffelen, Beste Alexandra

Zoals in mijn brief van 5 oktober 2022 is aangegeven, staat Aruba voor het waarmaken en doorlopen van een pad richting duurzame en houdbare overheidsfinanciën, waarbij er sprake is van extern begrotingstoezicht, kostenbeheersing en tegelijkertijd waarborging van de socio-economische ontwikkelingen. In mijn brief heb ik uitgelegd dat de periode waarin de RAft (en de rijkswet COHO) als voorwaarde zijn gesteld voor het ontvangen van liquiditeitsleningen, er feitelijk geen ruimte was om te evalueren of een rijkswet het meest geschikte middel is voor het bewerkstelligen van extern begrotingstoezicht. Toch heeft de Arubaanse regering, gezien de ontstane crisissituatie door de COVID-19 pandemie, hiermee ingestemd. Dit steeds met het voorbehoud dat de Staten van Aruba hoe dan ook niet gebonden kon worden aan een dergelijk besluit van de regering.

Al in juni 2020 heb ik aan uw voorganger kenbaar gemaakt dat het invoeren van een rijkswet zonder zicht op kwijtschelding niet haalbaar is. Duidelijkheid omtrent het wel of niet bestaan van een schuld is onlosmakelijk verbonden met het innemen van een standpunt over de wijze waarop het externe toezicht ingevuld dient te worden. Tijdens [illegible] bezoek aan Aruba in juni 2022 heb ik aangegeven dat er bij de Staten geen [illegible] is voor de R[illegible] heb [illegible] om in het belang van Aruba op slagvaardige wijze over te gaan tot een andere meer [illegible] en werkbare aanpak in de vorm van een onderlinge regeling of een landsverordening. [illegible]arom is nadien het voorstel gedaan om het externe begrotingstoezicht door middel van een landsverordening voort te zetten, zoals dat [illegible] het geval [illegible] dan [illegible] normen die zullen leiden tot duurzame overheids[illegible] verschillende malen is ook besproken welke waarborgen er behoren te zijn voor de rol van de rijksministerraad als de instantie waarnaar geëscaleerd kan worden. Dat laatste mede in het kader van de in het Statuut opgenomen waarborgfunctie. Hiernavolgend wens ik nader in te gaan op dit onderwerp op basis van een aantal zienswijzen.

Zienswijze inzake het extern financieel toezicht

De Landsverordening Aruba financieel toezicht (LAft) vindt zijn oorsprong in de niet-vaststelling van de Landsbegroting 2014 als gevolg van de toepassing van artikel 21 van het Reglement voor de Gouverneur van Aruba en het Protocol van 2 mei 2015 tussen Aruba en Nederland (bijgevoegd). In de oorspronkelijke LAft werden in artikel 14, tweede lid, de

Gobinete Wever - Croes II

Desde aña 2014, Aruba tin supervision despues cu e ex Prome Minister Mike Eman a bay den welga di hamber y desde aña 2015 esaki ta ancra den ley (landsverordening), e LAft. Hulanda no kier pa Aruba mes haci cambio na e LAft. Hulanda a expresa durante un reunion cu Hulanda tin confiansa den Prome Minister di Aruba Evelyn Wever-Croes y su gabinete pasobra e Gobierno aki a mustra con bon y responsabel ta den cumplimento. Hulanda sinembargo, no tin confiansa cu otronan cu bin despues keda sin cumpli.

Pone mas clausula den e ley

Gobierno di Aruba, pa trece e trankilidad aki cu Hulanda ta busca den gobernacion na Aruba, den e carta di 7 di februari a propone pa pone mas clausula den e ley pa asina stroba cualkier gobierno y Parlamento di por cambia e ley aki.

Proposicionnan rechasa

Hulanda, a rechasa ambos proposicion cu Gobierno di Aruba a propone den e carta cu fecha di 7 februari di 2023.

Prolongacion di termino ta wordo procesa automaticamente

Dia 2 di october ta ultimo dia pa entrega e declaracion di Inkomstenbelasting 2022

Relaciona cu e declaracion di inkomstenbelasting 2022, Departamento di Impuesto tin e siguiente participacion.

Fecha oficial di otorgamento

E fecha oficial di otorgamento di e formulario di declaracion di inkomstenbelasting 2022 ta 1 di augustus 2023. Conforme ley, e contribuyente tin dos luna pa yena y entrega su declaracion. E fecha final pa entrega e declaracion ta 2 di october 2023

Prolongacion di termino

Prolongacion di termino ta posibel unicamente pa e contribuyentenan cu a ricibi un formulario cu fecha di otorgamento 1 di augustus 2023. Si un contribuyente no alcansa pa entrega su declaracion pa dia 2 di october 2023, automaticamente e lo haya 2 luna mas di tempo. Pues no ta necesario pa entrega un peticion por escrito. Den caso di prolongacion, e fecha final ta bira 4 di december 2023. Pues e contribuyentenan ta haya un total di 4 luna di tempo pa entrega nan declaracion. Despues di dia 4 di december 2023 lo no duna mas prolongacion di termino.

Saca copia

Ta recomendabel pa e contribuyentenan saca un copia di nan declaracion pa nan propio administracion. Ora di entrega e declaracion por trece e copia pa stempel. Asina e contribuyente lo keda cu su prueba di entregamento.

Ta importante pa entrega e declaracion

Ta importante pa cumpli cu e entregamento di e declaracion. Cu e declaracion e contribuyente ta haci uzo di su derecho door di declara na Inspector di impuesto kico exactamente el a ricibi na entrada y cuanto su gastonan tawata.

Si no entrega e declaracion, Inspector lo impone un cobransa taxativo. Esaki ta nifica cu Inspector mes lo calcula e entrada fiscal pa e contribuyente. Alabes e contribuyente lo por haya un boet di 5% di e suma di inkomstenbelasting. E boet ta minimo Afl. 250 y maximo Afl. 10.000,-.


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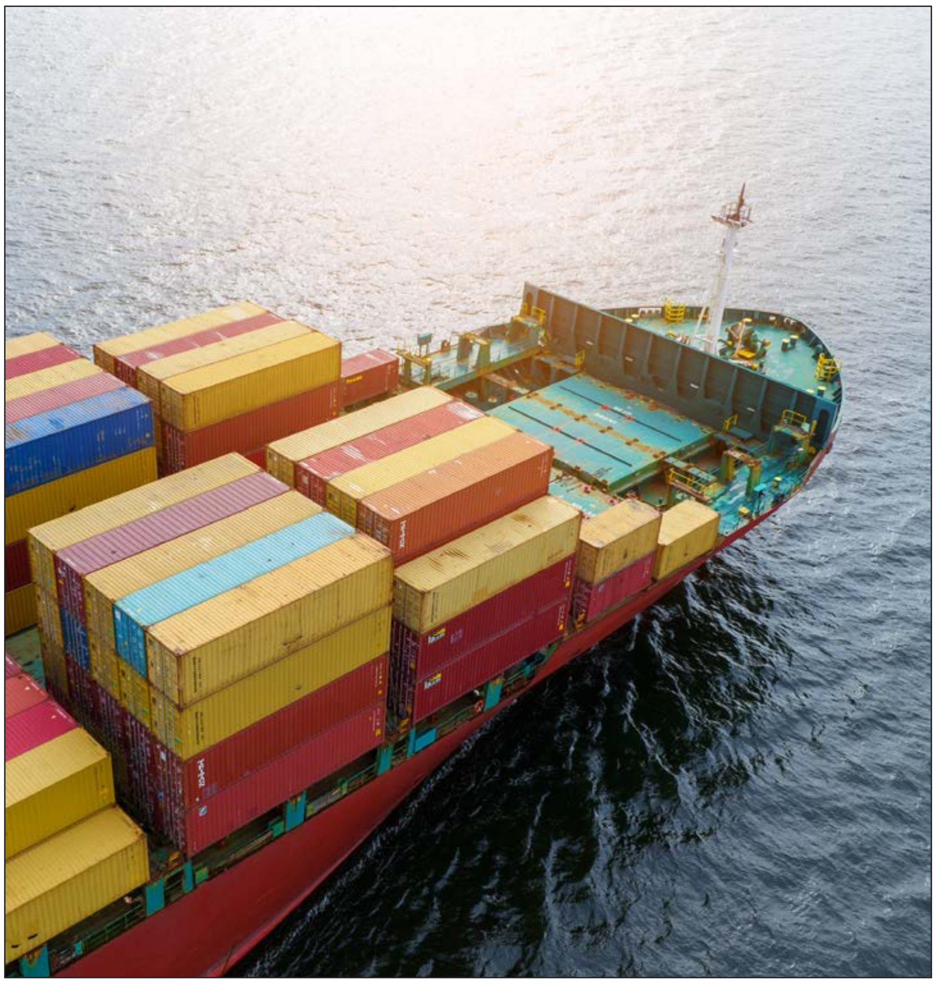
Sector Maritimo na Aruba ta crucial pa siguridad nacional y bienestar general

Den conexion cu Dia Maritimo Mundial, cu ta wordo celebra cada aña riba 27 di September, nos ta enfoca riba e importancia critico di e sector maritimo pa nos isla di Aruba.

E sector maritimo di Aruba ta hunga un papel crucial den e siguransa di nos siguridad nacional. Desde e descubrimento di e continente Mericano den e siglo 15, e lama a bira un instrumento vital pa transporta no solamente nos mes, pero tambe material a traves di escala global. Nos dependencia riba e lama no solamente ta historico, pero ta crucial pa bienestar general.

Aruba, como un isla rondona pa awa, nos tin cu realisa e importancia di nos sector maritimo. Directie Scheepvaart ta un pilar vital den e sosten y regulacion di e sector aki. Nan rol den sigura cu tur operacion maritimo ta cumpli cu normanan di siguridad y regulacionnan internacional ta esencial pa nos isla. Directie Scheepvaart ta dirigi desaroyo di maneho cu ta sostene e crecemento sostenibel di e industria.

E industria maritimo ta clave pa nos comercio global. Na Aruba, nos ta depende masivamente riba e fluho constante di actividadnan maritimo. Hunto cu e sector aereo, e transporte maritimo ta un di e unico maneranan pa importa y exporta producto, conectando nos isla cu e resto di mundo. Bo por bisa cu e gran mayoria di e productonan cu bo tin na cas a yega Aruba a traves di e liñanan di transporte riba



lama.

Riba Dia Maritimo Mundial, nos ta reconoce y aprecia e trabounan continuo di tur cu ta contribui pa sigui fortifica e sector cu ta directamente relata na nos calidad di bida. Nos ta aplaudi tur esnan involucra den e sector maritimo y nan dedicacion pa mantene Aruba conecta cu e resto di mundo.

Danki na nan perseverancia calidad di cuido medico na Aruba ta sigui crece

HOH Academy ta celebra graduacion di diesocho nurse cu a logra specialisa

Diamars anochi den un ambiente super alegre a tuma luga e graduacion di 18 nurse cu awo por cuminsa nan carera nobo den nan specialisacion den enfermeria, di cual 15 ta colega na Horacio Oduber Hospital y 3 ta colega di ImSan. Nan a specialisa den e area di of ICU/CCU, emergencia, cuido cardiaco, recovery, dialisis y intervencion cardiovascular. A logra trece e estudio pe specialisacion aki danki na e colaboracion estrecho cu Horacio Oduber Hospital tin pa hopi aña caba cu VUmc Amstel Academie Amsterdam Hulanda. Un estudio sumamente importante pa Aruba mirando e necesidad cu tin di personal den cuido y mas ainda personal specialisa. Ademas, loke ta bunita ta cu nos propio hendenan riba e isla aki a aplica y ta mira nan futuro yudando nos comunidad riba tereno di cuido.

Hospital ta pone hopi enfasis riba profesionalisa y specialisa pa asina eleva calidad di cuido. E profesionalnan aki a mustra di ta comprometi cu hospital, comprometi cu comunidad, pero tambe tin perseverancia enorme pa logra nan meta. Y na nan turno, t'e studiantenan aki mes lo sigui educa otronan den futuro. Hospital ta orguyoso di por a logra e echo aki y asina sigui mehora e calidad di cuido brinda na comunidad.

Lenie Denteneer, Manager HOH Academy, a expresa cu *"nos ta sumamente orguyoso di e studiantenan cu a termina nan estudio specialisa cu exito y awo ta cla pa continua cu nan carera profesional den cuido".*

Ana Mejia, kenda a gradua como nurse specialisa den emergencia (SEH), a inicia e estudio y oficialmente awo tin e titulo di SEH Verpleegkundige. "Mi a scoge pa ta un SEH Verpleegkundige pasobra ta trata aki di un departamento cu hopi dinamica y tambe cu ta mira diferente categoria di pashent cu ta algo cu ta atra'e. "Tur dia mi ta siña diferente cos, sea ta algo chikito of algo grandi. Loke cu ta haci e departamento aki uno atractivo ta cu semper e ta varia.

Un logro cu Aruba sigur por ta orguyoso di dje paso por conta cu mas nurse specialisa pa brinda cuido riba departamento di ICU/CCU, departamento di Emergencia, Dialisis , Departamento di recovery y tambe pa loke ta Intervencion di Cardiologia. Team dinamico di HOH Academy a guia e proceso aki completo hunto cu e team di VUmc Amstel Academie Amsterdam Hulanda cu a yuda p'e profesionalnan aki por a crece den un carera nobo den cuido.











Hunta di Directiva y team di maneho di HOH ta orguyoso y ta manda palabra di pabien na e diesocho graduadonan cu a demostra cu cuido y e pashent ta prioridad pa nan.

Proyecto di Rotary Club of Aruba:

Water Cooler na scolnan di Aruba

E proyecto di Water Cooler,cu a wordo implementa pa e Rotary Club of Aruba, y a haya e inspiracion aki for di Interact Club di Colegio Arubano, ta un proyecto exitoso.
E Interact Club di Colegio Arubano a tuma e iniciativa di instala e prome Water Cooler na Colegio Arubano 22 di Maart 2021, Dia Mundial di Awa. E Proyecto innovativo aki ta diseña na beneficio di studiante cu edad di 4 pa 18 aña na e scolnan di Aruba, cu e meta fundamental pa facilita e acceso pa haya awa limpi, potabel y fresco den tur e 75 scolnan rond di Aruba. Promoviendo salud den e comunidad mas hoben.

Te awe, 19 Water Coolers a wordo instala na varios scolnan. Den actualidad hopi scolnan ta cumpra saco di ijs varios biaha pa siman y ta pone den jug pa fria e awa pa e studiantenan y trahadonan den scol. Cu e implementacion di e Proyecto aki, ta haci posibel pa mehora e eficiencia di e distribucion di awa Limpi y friu.

Un bentaha importante di e iniciativa aki ta cu e ta yuda pa bringa e problema di obesidad den e comunidad mas hoben fomentando e consumo di awa limpi y friu na e luga di bebidanan cu sucu, tambe ta hunga un parti crucial den area di prevencion di malesanan contagioso (manera COVID-19), specialmente den e reduccion di riesgo di transmision di bacteria.
Ademas, e proyecto ta incentiva e salud di mucha, y e mehora di e medio ambiente pa medio di e no uza boter di awa di plastic desechable.

Aunke e Proyecto aki ta un Proyecto exitoso, a haya un par di challenge cu ta e dificultad pa cumpra e unidadnan den tiendanan local y cu bon prijs. Sinembargo, e realisacion di e iniciativa ta posibel danki na e participacion y e sosten firme di diferente organisacionnan ruman manera the Rotary Club of Curaçao, Rotary Club of Willemstad, Rotary Club of Bonaire, Rotary Club of Kentville (Canada), Rotary Club of Moncton West and Riverview (Canada), and District 7030. Nos ta desea di expresa nos gradicimento na Bon Bini Cargo pa su yudansa invalorable na e transportacion di e unidadnan aki, un factor critico pa logra e meta di e proyecto.

E Proyecto importante aki ta dirigi riba un comite di specialista di Rotary Club of Aruba, incluyendo Don de Veer, Orlando Hoevertsz, Lufrido Croes, Ravee Nandwani, Geert Rep, and Frederick Nuboer. Cu nan compromiso y consistencia ta haci posibel e continuidad di e Proyecto.



The Rotary Club of Aruba ta invita e publico pa participa den e preservacion di e Water Coolers pa e bon di nos muchanan, garantisando e acceso na awa limpi, potabel y friu pa un futuro mas saludabel.

Pa haya mas informacion, por fabor tuma contacto cu https://rotaryclubaruba.org

CBLH ta lansa e prome edicion di "Sweet Sunsets"

Centro di Bario Lago Heights (CBLH) ta invita henter e comunidad di Aruba, en particular nos habitantenan P'Ariba, pa presencia e prome edicion di "SWEET SUNSETS" cual lo tuma luga diabierna awo 29 di September di 7'or pa 10'or di anochi na CBLH.

"Sweet Sunsets" ta un fiesta di bario cu ta tuma luga tur fin di luna cu e meta pa brinda nos Comunidad P'ariba e oportunidad pa bini hunto y socialisa den un espacio sano, yena cu alegria y cu diferente cuminda, mini workshop, show y musica.

Pa trece tur persona den comunidad mas cerca di otro, CBLH lo invita tambe tur luna un of mas grupo/organisacion social como nos invitado special.

E programacion lo cuminsa cu e opening act di dos grupo di baile "Orguyo y Talento" y "No Image Dance Crew".
Siguientemente lo sigui entretenimento musical na encargo di Tipico TRAMUS y Mike's Super Disco. Tambe lo tin presentacion/demostracion di programa di CBLH y workshop di Salsa pa tur presente.

CLBH ta extende un invitacion grandi na henter Pueblo pa join nos diabierna awo 29 di September di 7'or pa 10'or di anochi na Centro di Bario Lago Heights.

Aruba, nos ta topa P'ariba!



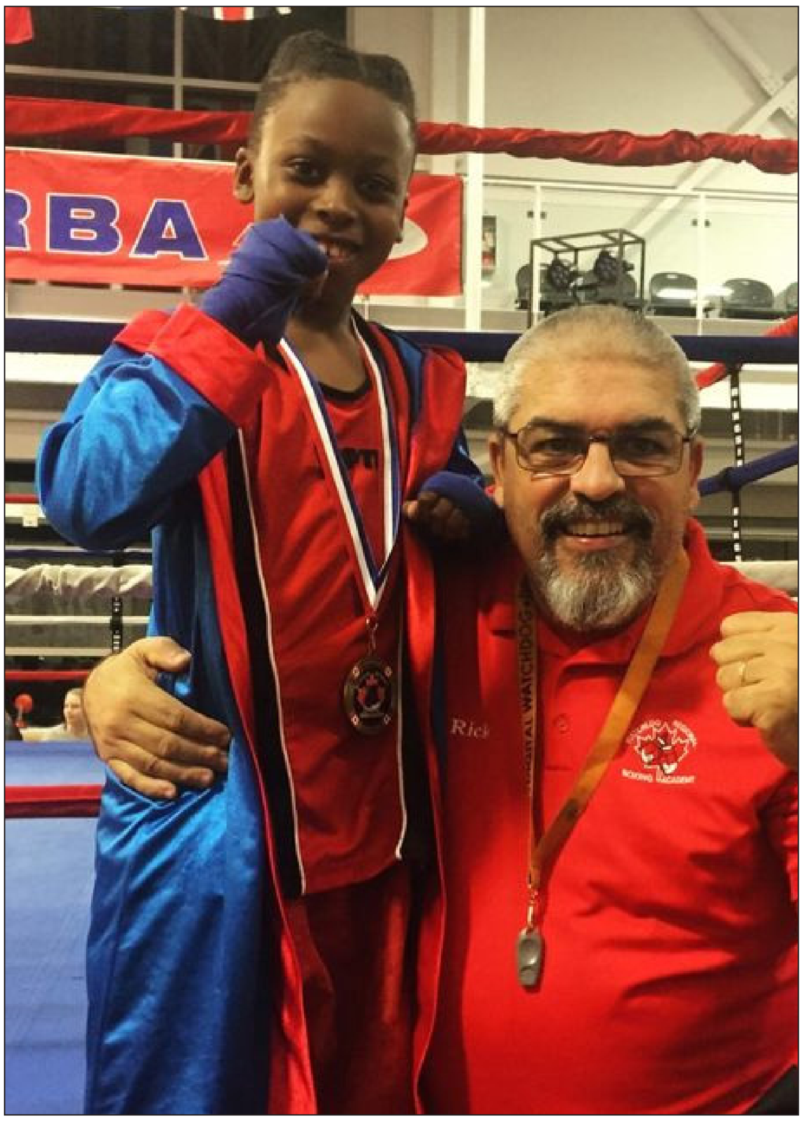
Trainer internacional di boxeo Rick Cadilha ta bin duna un training camp pa beginners

Fundacion pariba boxing ta presenta un boxing camp unico, di ultimo decada na Aruba. Pariba Boxing Club, un fundacion cu no ta gana placa (non-profit) dedica na empoderando muchanan chikito, nos hubentud/adolescente den e deporte di Boxeo na San Nicolas, ta orguyoso di anuncia su "boxing vacation camp" cu ta tuma luga na Ibisa SN.

Fechanan y orario ta: 1 te cu 5 di october '23 di 8or pa 10 di mainta den IBISA San Nicolas. "Nos meta no ta solamente pa siña e deporte di boxeo, pero siña "from the ground up" manera debe ser. Registracion ta habri pa tur interesa. E campamento su meta ta principalmente pa muchanan 11-17 aña di edad. Tuma nota cu espacio ta limita!!

Ta bay ta presente E Coach: un coach Canades cu tin decada den e deporte di boxeo. Den pasado e la representa team nacional di Canada den deporte di boxeo como parti di e coaching team. E tin su mesun gym na Toronto Canada. Na Canada y na Jamaica e ta organisa campamentonan di boxeo pa Lennox Lewis, ex-campeon mundial di boxeo, pa yuda desaroya e deporte di boxeo. E tambe ta instructor di boxing coaches, unda e ta certifica na Canada pa duna curso "Level 1 Coaches".

A mas informacion por yama Marco Dupersoy na pariba.boxing@gmail.com Of Whatsapp 7383556



Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes:

Danki na tur cu ta contribui pa nos turismo por desaroya y pa pais Aruba por bay dilanti

Dia Mundial di Turismo ta wordo celebra anualmente riba 27 di September. E fecha aki ta sirbi como un recordatorio di e impacto profundo cu turismo tin riba cultura mundial, economia, y riba diferente cultura. E dia aki ta stimula biaheronan pa explora destino nobo, aprecia culturanan diverso, y sostene practicanan di turismo sostenibel. Tambe ta resalta e importancia di biahe responsabel, promoviendo esfuersonan di conservacion, y fomentando conexion entre hende di diferente parti di mundo, finalmente contribuyendo na un planeta mas conecta y harmonioso.

Tambe e dia aki ta un fecha na unda mundo y sigur Aruba henter ta para keto y gradici tur esnan cu ta traha den e sector turistico. Nan ta e prome pa bin den contacto cu nos bishitantenan y e prome cu ta duna e miho impresion di nos pais. Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes ta felicita tur nos ciudadanonan cu ta traha den e sector turistico.



“Nos recuperacion ta asina hopi importante danki na e exito di nos turismo. E exito aki ta danki na tur esnan cu ta traha cu turista. Di curason, masha danki na tur cu ta contribui pa nos turismo por desaroya y pa pais Aruba por bay dilanti. Boso ta e motor tras nos pilar economico, boso ta e motibo pa cual nos turistanan ta bishita nos, boso ta muestra di forsa, di resiliencia, y di amor grandi pa nos dushi Aruba. Aruba a pasa den un temporada hopi dificil cu yen di reto. Pero turismo un biaha mas a yuda nos pa wanta cabes riba awa y pa recupera. Y pa esaki, Aruba ta gradici”, Prome Minister a expresa.

Prome Minister a remarca riba e tema di e conferencia riba ‘World Tourism Day’ organisa pa Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). Hospitalidad, esaki ta un tema amplio cu ta identifica nos hende cu ta traha den e sector turistico. “Pa mi, hospitalidad ta nos hendenan, e cordialidad cu nos hendenan ta mustra na otro, e amabilidad cu nos ta trata tur hende. Esaki ta e yabi di nos exito. Pabien riba Dia Mundial di Turismo”, Prome Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes a expresa.

A.T.A.: A Celebra Dia Mundial di Turismo cu Invitado Special Will Guidara

Cu aprecio profundo pa tur cu ta contribui na nos industria di turismo



Diaranson mainta, Aruba Tourism Authority a tene un celebracion special en conexion cu Dia Mundial di Turismo. Dia Mundial di Turismo ta wordo observa tur aña dia 27 di september y ta marca e momento perfecto pa felicita y mustra aprecio na tur esnan cu ta aporta na e industria mas importante di nos isla.

Bou di e capa di World Tourism Organization su tema "Inverti den Hende", e aña aki a pone luz special riba e parti di e industria di hospitalidad y tur e profesionalnan cu ta traha cu pasion patras y dilanti di cortina pa brinda servicio excepcional y crea experencianan memorabel pa nos bishitantenan.

Den un sala completamente yen, su Excelencia Minister di Turismo Sr. Danguillaume Oduber, y Ronella Croes, CEO di A.T.A. a comparti informacion importante tocante e contribucion di e sector di hospitalidad na e industria di turismo, tocante logronan y exitonan cosecha y puntonan clave pa tene na cuenta pa stimula un desaroyo duradero. A felicita y gradici tur esnan presente cu a inclui dignatarionan, socionan local, diferente cu ta labora den e sector di "Food & Beverage" como tambe studiantenan di Universidad di Aruba.

E aña aki e celebracion a conta cu invitado special, Will Guidara, autor di e buki "Unreasonable Hospitality" y ex-propietario di Eleven Madison Park cu tabata restaurant #1 na mundo na aña 2017. Cu experencia amplio den e industria di hospitalidad, Sr. Guidara a comparti su sabiduria y conocemento riba e tema di hospitalidad y con por sigui revoluciona e hospitalidad na Aruba, poniendo enfasis riba conexion humano y cordialidad cu ta pone clientenan sinti nan mes balora y aprecia. Un presentacion cu sigur a inspira y laga un impresion duradero riba tur presente.

Como e DMMO (Destination marketing and Management Organization) di Aruba, e mision di A.T.A. ta pa atrae bishitante di calidad halto y eleva e experiencia di e bishitante. Durante e ultimo decada, y prome cu esey, e industria di turismo a contribui exitosamente na Aruba su economia y bienestar. El a mustra forsa, un forsa cu ta ancra den trabou duro di hopi. E forsa di Aruba ta "by design" y esaki mester sigui proteha y stimula. Retonan mester contra aresta y oportunidadnan mester capitalisa di dje y unda mester cambionan clave, mester ehecuta esakinan.

A.T.A. tin dos siman di conferencianan y eventonan tras di lomba unda cu por mira bek na logronan clave pa e industria. Oficina di Turismo y e ekipo completo ta felicita y gradici tur socio y e comunidad completo!

Feliz Dia Internacional di Turismo! Ban cuida e pilar di nos economia! Ban sigui traha hunto pa logra e bienestar desea!


JORGE JEREZ
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ARUBA
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LIVE MUSIC SHOW - LUGAR: VILLA FLORALINA
HORA ; 11 PM TRIBUTO MARTIN ELIAS Y FAMILIA DIAZ
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Ronella Croes (ATA):

Nos marca One Happy Island no ta djis un slogan sino e ta graba den nos DNA



"Aruba ta ofrece hospitalidad irasonabel? Segun ChatGPT.... tin casonan isola, cu excepcion na e norma .. di hospitalidad irasonabel", asina Ronella Croes, CEO di Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) a inicia su discurso na ocasion di celebracion di Dia Mundial di Turismo.

Awe Aruba ta celebra e biahe extraordinario di e industria di hotel na nos isla. A extende un invitacion sincero na cada un di boso pa dedica un momento na reconoce y celebra e contribucionnan y e dedicacion firme di e personanan excepcional cu a forma e exito di nos industria di turismo. Esaki a inclui hopi di esnan cu tabata presente durante e evento.

Den e ultimo decadanan, turismo no solamente a reforsa e stabilidad economico di nos isla, actuando asina como un escudo resistente den tempo di agitacion y crisis, pero tambe a hiba cu exito na crecemento economico y prosperidad.

Aunke Aruba ta masha orguyoso di su logronan, manera a keda demostra durante e Global Tourism Conference, caminda a comparti e perspectivanan optimista pa aña 2024, a opta pa abstene di profundisa den number. Na luga di esey, a enfatisa cu, aunke nos a logra exito, nos mester keda comprometi y "sharp".

Pues, dicon nos a logra un exito asina remarcabel? Kico ta e esencia di Aruba su exito? "Nos marca, One Happy Island, no ta djis un slogan, sino e ta graba den nos DNA", asina Ronella Croes a bisa cu un bos di orguyo.

"E bishitantenan por sinti nan mes atrai pa Aruba pa lama cla, oceano blauw y clima perfecto, pero nan ta bolbe un y mas bes principalmente pa e calor y bondad di nos hendenan. Gran parti di nos exito ta depende di servicio na cliente, e hospitalidad genuino di e Arubiano y nos capital humano. Nos bishitantenan ta sinti nan mes na cas, nan ta sinti nan mes sigur", di acuerdo cu Ronella Croes.

Constantemente Aruba ta score halto riba satisfaccion di e bishitantenan y nos ta entre e destinacionnan principal di Caribe segun nos indice di experiencia di e huesped, cu ta tuma comentario y reviews di Aruba riba mas di 100 plataforma y ta duna un informe mensualmente.

Asina mes, den A.T.A. nan ta consciente di e echo cu e componentenan basico di e diseño di e biahe turistico di Aruba ta exigi nos pa exigi mas halto y revoluciona nos hospitalidad y oferta di producto, mientras cu nos ta salvaguardia nos forsa y nos DNA. Ta p'esey a invita e extraordinario Will Guidara y a pidie pa yuda "sharp nos mes".

E biaheronan di awe y e biaheronan di futuro, specialmente e bishitantenan di balor halto cu nos kier atrae mas, ... despues di tur cos, expectativa mas halto. Nan tin hopi otro opcion tambe! Nos mester keda dilanti di competencia den un industria di turismo dinamico y den desaroyo continuo.

E experiencia di e consumido ta varia y complica y esaki teniendo na cuenta e madurez di nos producto turistico y e desaroyonan cu ta andando, cu ta inclui, entre otro, e expansion di e inventario di camber.

E diferente proyectonan di hospedahe cu ta den desaroyo actualmente ta rekeri un maneho diligente den nomber di Aruba pa capitalisa optimalmente riba e oportunidadnan cu ta presenta, pero tambe pa e posibel impacto social y ambiental riba nos isla. E dependencia grandi di Aruba riba turismo ta rekeri cu nos decisionnan, hasta e mas desafiante, ta priorisa sostenibilidad.

E evento di Aruba Tourism Authority a conta cu hopi invitado, entre nan studiantenan den e ramo aki na Universidad di Aruba. Nan a cera conoci cu e realidad di turismo di awe y e compromiso y vision di ATA pa unda nos kier hiba nos turismo.

Dia Mundial Maritimo



Ayera Aruba y mundo henter ta conmemora dia Mundial Maritimo 2023. Nacionnan Uni atravez di IMO (International Maritime Organization) a inicia Dia Mundial Maritimo pa pone enfasis riba e contribucion internacional di e industria maritimo n'e economia global, specificamente den sector logistico y nabegacion.

Tur aña ta celebra Dia Mundial Maritimo bou di diferente tema. E tema di e aña aki ta " MARPOL ta cumpli 50 aña: Nos compromiso ta continua". E tema di e aña aki ta un refleho riba e historia largo di e organisacion di IMO pa entre otro nos proteha e medio ambiente despues di e impacto di transporte maritimo pa asina regula e trabounan solido y pa enfatisa su compromiso continuo cu e trabou importante aki.

Staff y personal di Directie Scheepvaart Aruba (DSA) ta felicita e sector Maritimo di Aruba y mundo henter riba "Día Mundial Maritimo".

A gradua di Universidad di Aruba, Rafiek Amir Dinmohamed

Diabierna, 22 september, 2023, a gradua na e Facultad di Ley na Universidad di Aruba, Rafiek Amir Dinmohamed. El a gradua defendiendo su master tesis titula:
"De verhouding tussen het zwijgrecht en de bewijslast voering die op de verdachte rust in witwaszaken."

Miembronan di e comision di examen tawata:
mr. dr. Ruth Bonnevalle-Kok
mr. Geert Hatzmann
mr. Arno Vroombout

Universidad di Aruba ta felicita Rafiek Amir Dinmohamed cu su logro.



Minister Dangui Oduber

Riba dia mundial di turismo nos ta celebra Aruba su trayectoria di cultura, prosperidad y sostenibilidad

Celebracion di Dia Mundial di Turismo ta un ocasion den cual Minister di Turismo y Salud Publico sr. Dangui Oduber ta tuma e oportunidad pa, no solamente conscientisa comunidad riba e importancia di e industria pa nos pais y celebra tur e individuonan cu nan trabou diario ta carga esaki. Pero e ta un dia tambe pa comparti conocemento cu ta habilita tur partido envolvi pa alcansa e obhetivonan di 'best practices'.

Dia Mundial di Turismo ta celebra riba 27 di september y den conexion cu esaki Minister Oduber a atende y duna un discurso den e conferencia di Dia Mundial Di Turismo. Aki e mandatario a topa cu e studiantenan di Universidad di Aruba "Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management" caminda a hiba combersacion riba turismo.

Minister Oduber a enfoca riba e inversion den nos hendenan. Segun e mandatario ta e hospitalidad y cordialidad di nos hendenan ta locual ta primordial y ta laga nos Dushi Aruba sobresali riba tur otro destinacionnan. Minister Oduber a compromete cu su prioridad como Minister di Turismo lo ta pa semper promove oportunidad nan di crecemento, pa semper zorg pa nos hendenan por traha den un ambiente di trabou sigur.

E siman aki ta marca siman di turismo y Minister Oduber ta desea tur miembro di dicho sector un feliz Dia Mundial di Turismo. Tuma e momento pa refleha y renoba nos compromiso pa cu e profesionalismo, nos nivel di servicio y pa brinda e miho experiencia posibel na tur bishitante cu nos isla ta ricibi. Esaki ta bon pa nos turismo, nos economia, pero e ta bon pa nos comunidad tambe principalmente.

"Masha Pabien un biaha mas na tur cu ta elabora den e industria di turismo. E exito di nos turismo no ta solamente nos vision, nos strategia, nos partnernan, sino e exito di mas grandi ta nos hendenan." – Minister Dangui Oduber.









Minister Geoffrey Wever:

Ciudadanonan di Noord a ricibi nan certificado di participacion na e curso Finansas den mi Hogar



Riba 25 di september, un total di 54 ciudadano a ricibi nan certificado di participacion na e curso Finansas den mi hogar den districto di Noord. Districto di Noord ta di cinco districto cu a participa na e curso Finansas den mi Hogar.

Durante cuatro sesion educativo, participantenan na e curso Finansas den mi Hogar a ricibi informacion y tipnan valioso riba con pa ta efectivo financieramente den bo hogar, pa paga debe, pa inverti den futuro y siña traha cu presupuesto. Ta importante pa nos ta consciente riba nos entrada y gasto y con esaki ta afecta nos stabilidad y metanan financiero. E curso ta enfoca pa nos bira critico riba nos decisionnan financiero y tambe riba nos actitud cu por afecta sin cu nos sa, e cartera.

E curso Finansas den mi Hogar ta forma parti di maneho economico di minister Geoffrey Wever pa stimula consumidornan di Aruba pa bira mas consciente. Un consumidor consciente y critico ta e fundeshi di un economia inclusivo y duradero. E habilidad di un persona pa maneha su entrada y gastonan ta un habilidad necesario, cu ta yuda evita problemanan financiero manera debe (of gastonan) innecesario.

Finansas den mi Hogar a wordo organisa y financia door di Ministerio di Asuntonan Economico y desaroya y presenta door di Fundacion Plan di Bida. Pa trece e curso mas cerca di e ciudadanonan, a ofrece e curso gratuitamente den tur districtonan di Aruba. E curso a start na Paradera, a bay San Nicolas, Oranjestad y Savaneta. Awo a toca turno na Noord experiencia Finansas den Mi Hogar.

“Ta importante pa haci'e facil pa nos ciudadanonan por yega y participa na e curso di Finansas den mi Hogar. P'esey e meta tabata pa ofrece e curso Finansas den mi Hogar gratis y den tur districto, mas cerca di nos ciudadanonan”, segun minister Geoffrey Wever.

Minister Geoffrey Wever ta gradici cada uno cu a participa na e curso finansas den mi hogar, un curso cu sigur lo contribui na nan propio desaroyo!

E siguiente districto, na unda e curso Finansas den mi Hogar lo tuma luga, ta Santa Cruz. Registracion ta completamente gratis, pero cupo ta limita. Pa mas informacion por tuma contacto cu Fundacion Plan di Bida na telefon 5688848 of email finansasdenmihogar@gmail.com

Riba dia Internacional di Koffie - Recordando e negoshi



E anuncio / invitacion publico pa e **Sani Coffee Fest 2023** a evoca hopi memoria di mi participacion den e negoshi di koffie. Pa hopi aña Aruba tabata e punto principal di unda e koffie di Colombia tabata exporta pa tur skina di mundo, pero alrededor di aña 1975, pa via di un ley cu gobierno a pasa na Colombia, e negoshi di koffie na Aruba a explota manera un bom atomico, y a obliga esnan den e negoshi tuma decisionnan drastico.

Mi ruman Nel Harms kende a traha hopi aña den e ramo aki, a mustra su talentonan como comerciante y a tuma decisionnan completamente "outside-the-box".

Nel a realisa cu e negoshi tabata rekeri comunicacion inmediato, specialmente cu e bolsa di koffie na New York, pero tambe pa otro motibonan cu por afecta e prijs di koffie e dia ey. Aruba no tabatin conexion telefonico directo pa resto di mundo. Hasta pa haci un yamada pa Corsou mester a yama un operadora pa e busca e conexion. Y despues mester a warda, tin bes oranan largo, pa e operadora por completa e yamada. E solucion di e tempo ey tabata pa uza servicio "telex" cu tambe tabatin su problemanan.



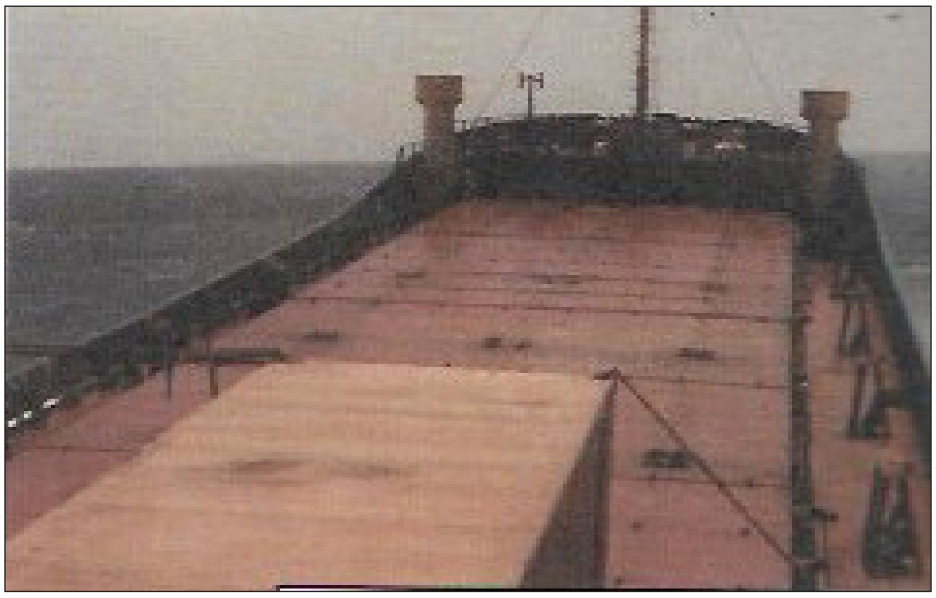
- Pa biaha sin perde tempo den aeropuerto Nel a cumpra un avioneta cu por transporte pa tur e lugarnan caminda e tabata haci negoshi. -

Nel Harms tabata sa cu na Boneiro si nan a haya conexion mundial. Nel a cumpra un cas na Boneiro y a pone un oficina cu telefon.

Pa mas eficiencia Nel a cumpra un avioneta cu por a hib'e y tres'e segun e necesidad surgi. El a cuminsa uza e avion tambe pa e ehecutivonan di Harms Brothers bay Maracaibo for di unda nan por a bay Maicao, e curason di nan negoshi.

Pa transporta e koffie di Aruba pa Miami Nel a uza su propio bapor chikito cu e tabata uza pa transporta cos pa Islas VIrgenes. E bapor aki tabata carga e nomber **"Mario E."** pa honra nos tata.

Pa almacena e koffie na Miami el a huur un warehouse gigantesco den e bario Hialeah y ami mester a maneha esaki. E warehouse tabatin un entrada special pa trein drenta y ricibi koffie pa nos clientenan. Na dado momento, nos tabatin casi $6,000,000.00 (sí, 6 miyon!) na koffie den e warehouse!



Den poco tempo nos a realisa cu e bapor Mario E. tabata mucho chikito pa e cantidad di koffie cu nos tabata transporta. A dicidi di cumpra uno mas grandi na Norwega pa hiba koffie Miami y uze pa trece carga di Miami pa Aruba, Corsow y Bonaire.

Pa firma e actonan di compra na Norwega, ami a bay Oslo cu e capitan di Mario E. E capitan a keda encarga pa hiba e bapor Aruba. Mustrando su amor grandi pa su mama, Nel a yama e bapor aki "**Catherine F**". Pa maneha e dos bapornan, Nel a crea Arubon Shipping Co. cu oficina den e warehouse na Hialeah.

Pa esnan cu kier lesa mas di e negoshi di koffie, mi ta recomenda e buki di nos periodista/autor Benjamin Romero titula "E NEGOSHI DI KOFFIE NA ARUBA E ruta Colombia-Aruba-Merca".

Clyde R. Harms Sr.

Las costillas de cerdo estofadas con huevos

Las costillas de cerdo estofadas con huevos, fáciles de deshuesar, se infunden con té alpino Oolong que tiene un rico aroma floral y afrutado con un toque de melocotón. ¡Estas deliciosas costillas son tan irresistibles!

Receta
TIEMPO PREVIO:30 minutos
HORA DE COCINAR:2 h 30 min
TIEMPO TOTAL:3 horas
4SERVICIO

Ingredientes:
8 huevos duros
2 libras de costillas de cerdo
3 cucharadas Salsa de soja
3 cucharadas Té Oolong alpino de Taiwán
2 unidades de anís estrellado
2 palitos de canela
3 cucharadas cocinar vino
10 taza de agua
0,5 taza de salsa de soja
0.25 taza de salsa de ostras
0,25 taza de polvo de cinco especias
0.25 taza de azúcar de roca

Direcciones:



1 - En un wok a temperatura alta, caliente el aceite a 150 °C, fría y agregue los huevos hasta que estén dorados. Retirar del aceite y reservar.



2 - Unte salsa de soja por todas las costillas de cerdo para darle un color atractivo a la carne.

3 - Freír a 150-180°C hasta que estén dorados. Drenar.



4 - Regrese el wok a la estufa, agregue el té Oolong alpino de Taiwán, agregue las estrellas, las ramas de canela, el vino de cocción y 10 tazas de agua.



5 - Agregue salsa de soja, salsa de ostras, cinco especias en polvo y azúcar de roca. Mezclar bien.

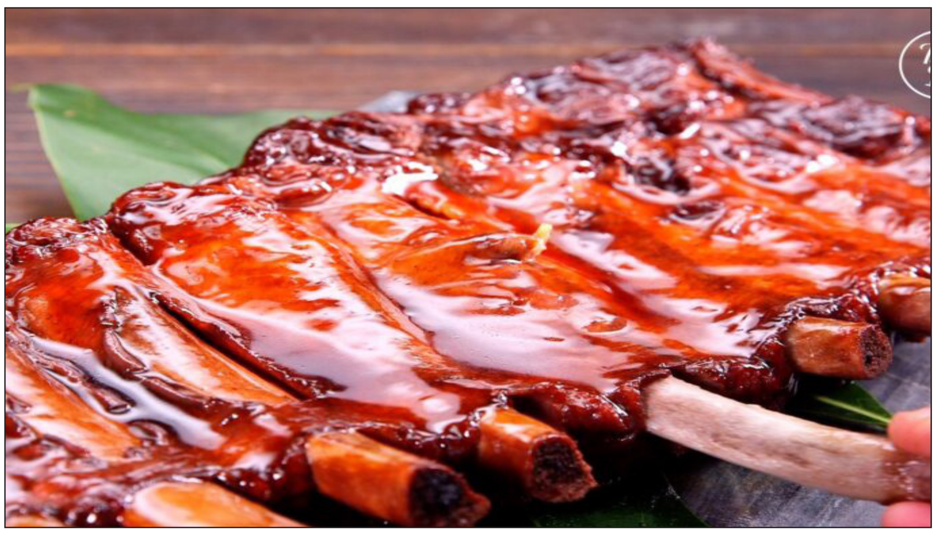


6 - Agregue las costillas de cerdo fritas y los huevos, asegúrese de que todos los ingredientes estén sumergidos en el líquido y agregue agua si es necesario.



7 - Llevar a ebullición. Baje el fuego y cocine a fuego lento durante 2,5 horas.





8 - ¡Disfrutar!

Fortaleza pa Famia

Duda ta limita hende, pero Dios ta todopoderoso



DUDA no ta bini di Dios, duda ta un mal influencia, cu ta pone hende kere cu e no por logra, y cu tur cos a caba pe, y asina limita su expectativa di avansa den bida, causando preocupacion y stress.

Pero fe den Dios ta tur locual nos tur tin mester pa nos avansa den bida, pasobra sin fe ta imposibel agrada Dios. Ora nos tin fe nos ta demostra confiansa, y cu nos ta reconoce cu Dios ta na nos banda, y cu nos por conta cu Dios su yudansa, y esey ta locual ta move man di Dios, ora nos kere cu Dios por y ta haci, sin mira e cos ainda, den esey nos ta demostra na Dios, cu nos ta depende completamente riba Dios.

Mira e man di Señor no ta cortico cu e no por salba, tampoco su horea no ta sordo cu e no por tende (Isaias 59:1).
Ningun hende no por stroba Dios di bendiciona bo, pero ora nos no ta kere nada no ta sosode. Pasobra tur cos ta posibel pa esun cu ta kere. Y manera nos tur sa cu pa Dios nada ta imposibel.

Pasobra Mi pensamento, no ta boso pensamento, ni boso camindanan no ta Mi camindanan, Señor ta declara: Pasobra mescos cu e cielo ta mas halto cu tera, asina mi camindanan ta mas halto cu boso camindanan, y Mi pensamento ta mas halto cu bo pensamento (Isaias 55:8-9).

Pasobra manera awasero y sneeuw ta cay for di cielo, y no ta bolbe ayanan, sin muha tera, y ta haci tera produci y spreit, y ta duna simia na e sembrado y pan na esun cu ta come. Y asina Mi palabra cu ta sali for di Mi boca lo ta: e lo no bolbe bashi cerca Mi, sin cumpli cu loke mi ta desea y sin alcansa e proposito cu cual mi a mand'e (Isaias 55:10-11).

Locual Dios papia, ningun hende no por cambia, locual Dios manda pa bo ningun hende no por cambia di direccion. Ciencia, tecnologia, bruheria, y tur otro pensamento di hende, no por compara cu e grandesa di Dios.

Mira Ami ta Señor e Dios di tur carni, acaso tin algo cu ta mucho dificil pa mi (Jeremias 32:27).
Akinan nos por realisa cuanto tardansa nos duda, murmuracion, y falta di fe por causa den nos bida.

Den Numbernan 11:21-22 Moises no tabata kere cu Señor por duna 600. 000 hende di come carni y Moises a bisa cu no tin suficiente cria di bestia chiki, ni cria di baca, of mester recoge tur pisca den laman y Señor a bisa Moises: Señor su poder ta limita? Awor lo bo mira si mi palabra lo wordo cumpli na bo, si of no. E grandesa di Señor semper lo supera pensamento di hende pasobra nos Señor ta soberano.

Ami ta Dios y no tin ningun manera Mi. Kende ta declara e fin for di principio, y for di temponan antiguo cosnan cu no a wordo haci ainda, bisando: Mi proposito lo wordo establеci, y lo Mi cumpli cu tur loke ta agrada Mi (Isaias 46:9-10).

E ta cura esnan di curason kibra, y ta mara nan heridanan, E ta determina e cantidad di streanan, E ta yama nan tur na nan nomber. Grandi ta nos Señor, y abundante den fortalesa, Su comprendemento ta infinito (Salmo 147:3-4-5).
Un biaha mas Dios a papia, dos biaha mi a tende esaki, poder ta pertenece na Dios (Salmo 62:11).

Hesus a bisa tur autoridad a wordo duna na Mi den cielo y riba tera (Mateo 28:18).

Sinceramente, Pastor Marcel Balootje



Gradicimento y Invitacion

Pa medio di esaki famia kier a gradici tur esnan cu na un manera of otro a duna nos sosten, consuelo y forsa durante e tempo dificil cu e fayecimento y entiero di nos defunto stima:

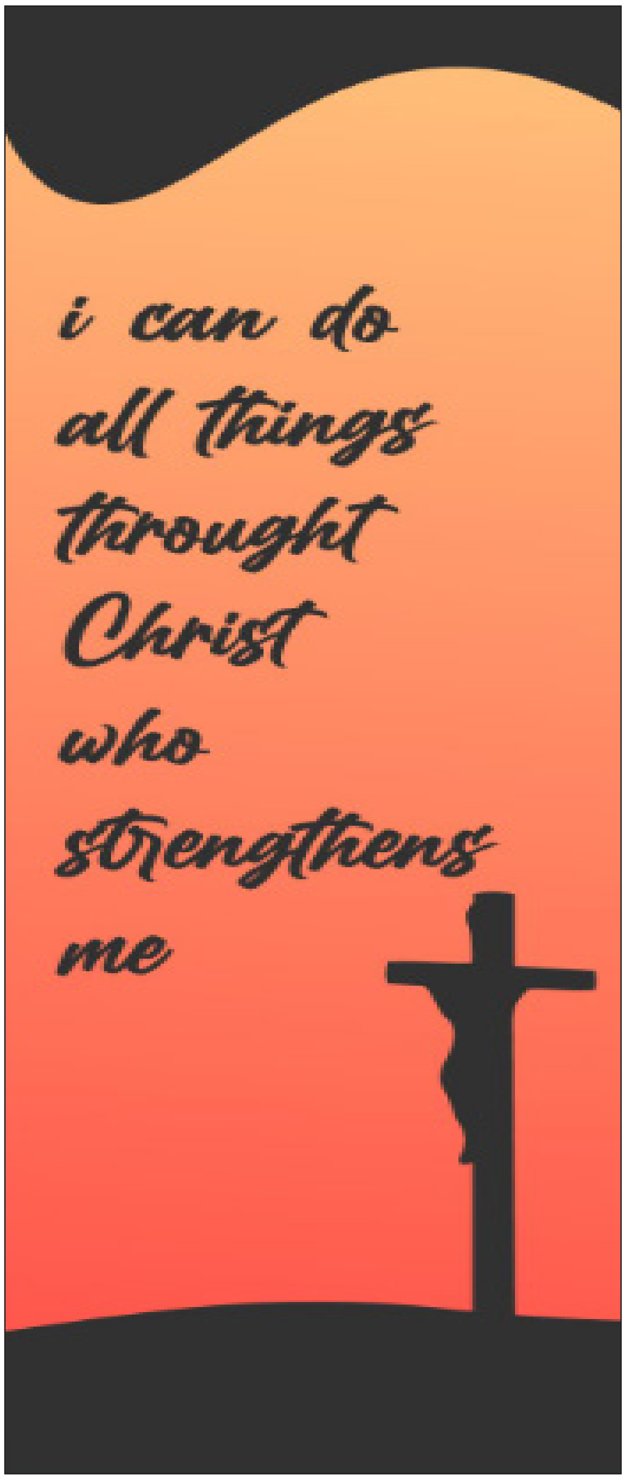
Sr. Gilberto Marco Croes

Mihor conocí como "Betto"

Boso muestra di atencion ta di hopi aprecio y un gran sosten pa nos. Un danki na un y tur cu a manda carchi, krans, whatsapp, email y a hasi yamada nan telefonico.
Tambe na Aurora Funeral Home pa cu su bon servicio y atencion.
Un danki specialpam
Clara Vargas y Jaime Vargas
Boso muestra di atenshon tabata un gran consuelo pa nos.

Na mes momento nos ta invita famia, bisiña-, amigo- y conocirnan
pa compaña nos na 3 Santo Sacrificio di Misa na misa Santa Filomena na Paradera:
diahuebs 28, diabierna 29 y diasabra 30 di september 2023 pa 7:00 pm

Boso presencia ta altamente aprecia.





Romanonan 8:18 "Pasobra mi ta bin na conclusion, cu sufrimento den tempo aki no ta nifica nada na comparashon cu e gloria, cu lo wordo manifestá na nos".

Cu inmenso tristeza na nos curason, pero cu hopi gratitud pa tur locual e la significa pa nos, nos ta participa fayecimento di nos mama stima:

Sra.vda. Petra Paula Wolter – Semeleer

Cariñosamente jama 'Eta'
29 juni 1952 - 25 september 2023

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Yuinan:
Mariëta & René Schoo
Richard & Frances Wolter

Nieto:
Vincent Schoo

Mayornan:
† Antonio & † Jacoba Semeleer – Semerel

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Sra. vda. Petra Kelly
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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE:

18 NURSES GRADUATE WITH SPECIALIZATIONS AT HOH ACADEMY



Celebrating Excellence:

18 Nurses Graduate with Specializations at HOH Academy



IN a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere, the graduation ceremony for 18 nurses took place on Tuesday evening. These dedicated individuals are poised to embark on new career paths, having achieved specialization in various fields of nursing. Remarkably, 15 of these graduates hail from the esteemed Horacio Oduber Hospital, while the remaining three represent ImSan. Their areas of specialization encompass ICU/CCU, emergency care, cardiac care, recovery, dialysis, and cardiovascular intervention.

The attainment of these specialized qualifications owes its success to the longstanding and collaborative partnership between Horacio Oduber Hospital and VUmc Amstel Academie in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This educational endeavor stands as a pivotal program for Aruba, given the pressing demand for highly specialized healthcare professionals. It is worth noting that these accomplished individuals are residents of our island, demonstrating their commitment to the betterment of our community in the realm of healthcare.

The hospital administration places significant emphasis on professionalization and specialization, recognizing the critical role it plays in elevating the quality of healthcare provided. These professionals have exhibited unwavering dedication not only to the hospital but also to the community, underpinned by their remarkable perseverance in achieving their educational goals. In turn, these graduates will become educators themselves, passing on their knowledge to the healthcare professionals of the future. This commendable achievement marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of care accessible to our community.

Lenie Denteneer, Manager of HOH Academy, expressed profound pride, stating, "We are exceptionally proud of the students who have successfully completed their specialization studies and are now poised to further their professional careers in the field of healthcare."

One graduate, Ana Mejia, who has earned the title of SEH Verpleegkundige as a specialized emergency nurse (SEH), shared her perspective. She chose this specialization due to its dynamic nature, operating in a department that encounters a diverse range of patients with varying needs. "Every day, I learn something new, whether it's a minor detail or a substantial medical insight. What makes this department particularly appealing is its constant variation," she remarked.

This accomplishment holds significant significance for Aruba, as it signifies an increased availability of specialized nurses ready to provide care across critical departments such as ICU/CCU, Emergency Care, Dialysis, Recovery, and Cardiovascular Intervention. The dedicated and dynamic teams at HOH Academy, in collaboration with VUmc Amstel Academie Amsterdam, have guided these professionals through a transformative journey, equipping them for fulfilling careers in healthcare.

The Board of Directors and the management team at HOH extend their warmest congratulations and best wishes to these eighteen graduates, recognizing their unwavering commitment to prioritizing patient care. This achievement marks a significant step forward in ensuring the highest standards of healthcare delivery within our community.

Government Receives Manifesto from TOPA Union Regarding Performance Management System

ON Wednesday morning, the TOPA Union approached the Aruban Government at the Government Office with a manifesto regarding the Performance Management System. Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes, Minister Geoffrey Wever, and Minister Rocco Tjon received the union delegation.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the Performance Management System is a system that undoubtedly convinces everyone of its importance for the public sector. It is a uniform system for evaluating the performance of all public employees. This system allows for the assessment of how work is progressing and whether a public employee deserves a promotion.

The reason the Aruban Government introduced this system is that, before its implementation, there was no uniform system for evaluation in the public sector. Some government departments had their own systems, while others lacked such a structured approach. Public employees have raised concerns, stating that in some departments, promotions are easily obtained, while in others, it is quite challenging. They also voiced concerns about not knowing the criteria by which they are evaluated and having to wait until the end of the year to receive evaluation results. These are issues that have been occurring within government departments for some time.

With the Performance Management System, each employee knows in advance what they will be evaluated on, and the employee also sets their tasks and goals. Throughout the year, department heads will evaluate each employee. “This is a system that I am sure will benefit everyone,” stated the Prime Minister.

The Performance Management System law was introduced last year and came into effect in January of this year. However, unions approached the Government to suggest some changes. The Government invited all unions, but the TOPA Union was the only one that engaged in dialogue with the Government and brought their concerns to the attention of the Government.

Together with their manifesto, the TOPA Union presented a rather extensive report, which they had already submitted to the Government’s appointed committee. However, they did not receive a response to this report, which is why they also handed over their manifesto, requesting a response from the Government within two weeks.







“I thanked the TOPA Union for always engaging with the Government and for always maintaining a constructive attitude to find a solution. The Government will certainly consider their concerns in order to conclude this year, which is considered a pilot year for the Performance Management System. In 2024, we will begin full implementation, taking into account the proposals brought forward by the unions. Although not all unions participated in the discussions with the Government’s committee, we have considered all concerns to make the Performance Management System a better product that, in the end, Aruba can benefit from, as it is something that we all believe in and can be applied uniformly in all government departments and the public sector,” Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes stated.

Project Announcement:

Water Cooler in Schools Initiative in Aruba

THE Water Cooler Project, overseen by The Rotary Club of Aruba, drew inspiration from the pioneering efforts of The Interact Club of Colegio Arubano. The Interact Club took the lead by initiating the Water Cooler in Schools project, on March 22, 2021, World Water Day, with the installation and inauguration of the FIRST water cooler at Colegio Arubano. This innovative project is designed to benefit students aged 4-18 years across Aruba, with the overarching goal of providing access to clean and revitalizing drinking water in all 75 schools, thereby fostering a healthier and more sustainable community.

To date, 19 water coolers have been installed in various schools across Aruba. Currently, many schools are buying bags of ice several times a week and storing these in freezers to cool water. , With the Water Cooler Project, this practice is slowly but surely being eliminated significantly enhancing the efficiency of distributing clean, chilled water.

An important advantage of this initiative lies in its objective to combat obesity within the community. By encouraging the consumption of clean, cool water as a much healthier alternative to sugary beverages, the project aligns with broader health objectives. It also plays a crucial role in the areas of disease prevention and treatment, especially in reducing the risk of transmitting bacteria (such as COVID-19). Additionally, the project promotes child health, and enhances environmental sustainability by reducing the use of (disposable) plastic water bottles.

Despite the continued success of this project, our primary ongoing challenge revolves around sourcing these units locally at favorable prices. However, the realization of this initiative has been made possible through the generous sponsorship and steadfast support of our sister clubs, including the Rotary Club of Curacao, Rotary Club of Willemstad, Rotary Club of Bonaire, Rotary Club of Kentville (Canada), Rotary Club of Moncton West and Riverview (Canada), and District 7030. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Bon Bini Cargo for their invaluable assistance in transporting the units, a critical factor in achieving project milestones.

This impactful project is led by a dedicated committee from the Rotary Club of Aruba, including our sincere Don de Veer, Orlando Hoevertsz, Lufrido Croes, Ravee Nandwani, Geert Rep, and Frederick Nuboer. Their commitment and consistency have been instrumental in driving this project's success.



The Rotary Club of Aruba invites the public to join in preserving these water coolers for the benefit of our children, ensuring access to clean and refreshing drinking water for a healthier future.

For more information, please contact https://rotaryclubaruba.org


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Future of Work in Curacao:

SER conference explores the role of technology, AI and migration



WORK in Curacao is on the eve of a profound transformation. The Social and Economic Council (SER) of Curacao is organizing an indispensable conference on October 16, 2023. It will take place from 14:00 to 18:00 in the auditorium of the Central Bank of Curacao and Sint Maarten (CBCS). The meeting highlights pressing issues surrounding the future of work on the island.

The goal of the conference is more than an academic exercise; it is an action-oriented dialogue that offers evidence-based insights into the changing labor landscapes. The themes, ranging from ICT and artificial intelligence to labor migration, have been carefully chosen to facilitate in-depth discussions. This event provides a unique opportunity for high-quality networking with influential professionals and entrepreneurs, especially those seeking up-to-date data and innovative, data-driven solutions for employment and resource allocation.

The conference also serves as a platform to understand how technological developments and migration not only pose challenges but also provide opportunities for addressing social issues such as an aging population.

The language of the presentations is English, but interventions and questions in both Papiamentu and Dutch are welcome, respecting the linguistic diversity of our community. Due to the limited number of seats available, it is advisable to reserve your spot through the official SER website. This is not just another conference; it is a call to action and dialogue for everyone involved in shaping the future labor market in Curacao.

More information can be found at www.ser.cw.

Curacao's Social and Economic Council assumes leadership of regional network CESISALC





IN a moment of significance for regional diplomacy and institutional cooperation, the Social and Economic Council (SER) of Curacao has been entrusted with the presidency of the Network of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions of Latin America and the Caribbean (CESISALC). The appointment was announced at the conclusion of the Third Intercoonecta Program Meeting, an event co-sponsored by the Spanish Cooperation and the Economic and Social Council of Spain, held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on September 20, 2023. The biennial, rotating presidency will continue through September 20, 2025.

Before this pivotal appointment, the interim presidency was held by the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Guatemala. Curacao's SER pledges to carry forward the established legacy of effective leadership and commitment.

The selection of Curacao's SER is not only an accolade for its accomplished track record but also an affirmation of its potential to contribute substantively to the region's well-being and sustainable advancement—a responsibility the council undertakes with marked seriousness.

The installation ceremony included high-ranking representatives from economic and social councils across Latin America and the Caribbean, including Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and the ESC of Rio Cuartos, Argentina.

Assuming its presidential role, Curacao's SER aims to actively engage additional national and subnational economic and social councils as participating members of CESISALC. This initiative seeks to invigorate the network's diversity and foster inclusive discussions on matters crucial to the region.

Operational leadership will be centered in Willemstad, the capital city of Curacao, marking a significant milestone for this Caribbean Island nation. Curacao, a constituent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, thus becomes one of the smallest states to hold a leadership position of this caliber in the sphere of regional dialogue and institutional cooperation.

The announcement arrives at a critical period for the broader Latin American and Caribbean region, confronting an array of socio-economic challenges. Curacao's SER presidency in CESISALC is anticipated to be a vital step in building consensus and shaping policies that will positively affect sustainable development and governance.

For more information, visit CESISALC's official website: www.cesisalc.org.

Dutch Election:

Understanding the Left-Right Political Divide and Its Impact

AS the Netherlands gears up for its next election, understanding the left-wing and right-wing political ideologies and their implications on Dutch politics becomes crucial. The Dutch political landscape, like many others globally, is marked by a discernible divide between these two ideological camps. Let's delve into this political spectrum and its significance in the upcoming Dutch election.

Left-Wing Politics: A Quest for Equality

Left-wing politics in the Netherlands, as in much of Europe, advocate for a more significant role of government in addressing social and economic disparities. These parties favor policies aimed at reducing income inequality through progressive taxation and social welfare programs. The left often champions causes related to civil rights, environmental protection, and social justice. In the Dutch context, parties like the Labour Party (PvdA) and the GreenLeft (GroenLinks) are notable representatives of left-wing ideology.

Right-Wing Politics: Emphasizing Freedom and Limited Government

On the other side of the spectrum, right-wing politics in the Netherlands stand for limited government involvement in the economy and individual freedom. These parties advocate for free-market capitalism, lower taxes, and reduced government regulation. They often emphasize traditional social values and may oppose progressive social changes, such as same-sex marriage and abortion rights. In the Dutch political landscape, parties like the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) and the Forum for Democracy (FvD) exemplify right-wing principles.

The Dutch Election: A Balance of Ideologies

The Dutch electoral system is proportional, meaning that the number of seats a party gains in the parliament corresponds closely to the percentage of the popular vote it receives. This system allows for a diverse political landscape with multiple parties representing various shades of the political spectrum.

In the upcoming Dutch election, voters will decide which parties and ideologies will shape the country's future. The outcome will reflect the Dutch people's preferences on issues ranging from economic policies and social welfare to immigration and climate change.

As with any election, it's essential to remember that individual candidates and parties may not adhere strictly to all the positions associated with their ideological camp. Dutch voters will evaluate each party's platform and leadership, considering the complex and nuanced challenges facing their country.

In conclusion, the Dutch election offers voters a choice between left-wing and right-wing ideologies, each with its vision for the nation's future. It is a democratic exercise that will determine the direction of Dutch politics and policies in the coming years, reflecting the diverse perspectives and values of its citizens.

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Former President Donald Trump Liable for Business Fraud, New York

IN a significant legal development, a New York judge has ruled that former President Donald Trump engaged in fraudulent activities by consistently misrepresenting his wealth by hundreds of millions of dollars. This ruling is part of a civil case brought against the former president and his family business, alleging that they defrauded banks and insurance companies over an extended period.

The judgment represents a notable setback for Mr. Trump and could potentially impede his business activities within the state of New York. Notably, Mr. Trump, along with the other defendants in the case, has consistently maintained their innocence, asserting that they never committed fraud.

New York Attorney General Letitia James led the accusations against Donald Trump, his two adult sons, and the Trump Organization. The allegations centered on inflating the value of their properties by over $2 billion (£1.65 billion) to align with their business interests. It was claimed that the defendants provided false records and financial statements to secure advantageous loan terms, insurance arrangements, and reduced tax obligations.

Judge Arthur Engoron, presiding in the New York state court, issued this scathing decision after Attorney General James requested a summary ruling to expedite the trial. The judge's ruling includes determinations that Mr. Trump significantly overvalued Mar-a-Lago by an astonishing 2,300% in one financial statement and that he exaggerated the size of his Trump Tower penthouse in New York threefold. He notably characterized Mr. Trump's argument regarding the penthouse's



area calculation as "absurd."

This ruling addresses the pivotal fraud claim made in the lawsuit, with the trial now expected to focus on a narrower set of six remaining claims and the potential penalty size. The trial is scheduled to commence on October 2nd, with the Attorney General seeking penalties of $250 million and a prohibition on Mr. Trump conducting business in his home state.

Judge Engoron's ruling categorically states that the documents in question contained fraudulent valuations, emphasizing that they were utilized in business matters. He described the valuations as belonging to a "fantasy world" rather than reflecting reality.

In addition to his judgment, Judge Engoron ordered the revocation of business certificates allowing certain entities, including the Trump Organization, to operate in New York. While this action does not dissolve Mr. Trump's company, it could significantly impact his control over prominent New York properties like the Trump Tower and the Trump Building at 40 Wall Street.

The Trump legal team's request to dismiss the case was denied by the judge, who also imposed fines of $7,500 each on five Trump attorneys for making arguments that had previously been rejected by the court. Judge Engoron characterized these arguments as "preposterous" and cited their contribution to their clients' "obstreperous" conduct.

Legal representatives for Mr. Trump have denounced this ruling as "a miscarriage of justice" and have indicated their intention to file an appeal. Donald Trump himself has consistently denied any wrongdoing, characterizing the case as another instance of political bias against him.

As the legal proceedings continue, the former president remains embroiled in multiple legal battles, including 91 felony charges across four criminal cases. Despite these challenges, Mr. Trump is actively campaigning for a potential rematch with President Joe Biden in the upcoming election year, with aspirations of returning to the White House.

Republicans Enter Critical Phase in Presidential Campaign as Trump Dominates Second Debate



IN a pivotal moment in the Republican presidential campaign, seven GOP candidates gathered for their second debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California. The backdrop of this event is marked by the growing momentum of former President Donald Trump, who currently holds a dominant position in the race and has opted not to share the debate stage with his rivals.

The debate, hosted by Fox Business Network, comes with less than four months remaining before the Iowa caucuses officially kick off the presidential nomination process. The significance of this moment cannot be overstated, as it provides Trump's competitors with a shrinking window of opportunity to challenge his lead.
Donald Trump, confident in his position, chose to be in Michigan during the debate, where he delivered a prime-time speech. His focus was on capitalizing on the ongoing Auto Workers Union strike and appealing to rank-and-file union members in a pivotal state for the general election.

However, despite his frontrunner status, Trump is not without vulnerabilities. He faces four criminal indictments that carry the potential of decades in prison, adding a layer of complexity to the race. This situation has created a sense of urgency among some candidates, prompting them to consider a more direct confrontation with the former president, especially when addressing a national audience in the millions.

Republican strategist Kevin Madden, who has played key roles in Mitt Romney's presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012, emphasized the need for candidates to recognize the competitive nature of the nomination process. Madden stated, "This is not a nomination that's going to fall in your lap. You have to go and beat the other candidates, and one of those happens to be Donald Trump. This debate will reveal whether participants grasp the dwindling time left in the hourglass."

As the Republican candidates seek to distinguish themselves and alter the trajectory of the campaign, the second debate unfolds against a backdrop of uncertainty, with Trump's formidable presence casting a long shadow over the field. With the Iowa caucuses drawing nearer, the race remains dynamic and unpredictable, with the future of the Republican Party hanging in the balance.

Spain Imposes Fines on 'Big Four' Consulting Firms Over Marathon Workdays



THE Spanish Labour Ministry has taken a decisive step by imposing fines amounting to at least €1.4 million on the 'Big Four' consulting firms – Deloitte, PwC, EY, and KPMG – a year after launching an investigation into their working practices and conditions. This investigation was initiated amid concerns that employees might be working longer hours than officially recorded.

Some employees at these consulting giants reportedly endured grueling workdays of up to 16 hours, sparking concerns about their well-being and labor rights. The lack of an hourly register, required for all companies since a change in Spanish law in 2019, contributed to this issue.

The absence of proper accountability allowed what were referred to as "marathon working days" to become commonplace. A former employee at PwC in Madrid, Sergio Padilla, shared his experience of working 12-hour days from 9 am to 9 pm. This demanding schedule left him with minimal free time, leading to a diet of fast food due to his inability to buy groceries.

The 'Big Four' consulting firms faced scrutiny when their offices were raided in November 2022 after the Spanish Ministry of Labour initiated an investigation without receiving any formal complaints. Inspectors examined whether these companies adhered to labor laws regarding working hours and compensation for overtime.

Raúl de la Torre from Comisiones Obreras, a Spanish trade union, highlighted that Spain's consulting sector has experienced significant workforce fatigue. He mentioned that there were attempts to include a clause in employment agreements requiring employees to work up to 12 hours a day, six days a week, without additional compensation. This sparked the sector's first strike, drawing attention to deteriorating working conditions despite these companies reporting record profits.

In 2021, the 'Big Four' collectively generated €2.5 billion in revenue, according to Expansión newspaper.

De la Torre argued that working conditions had deteriorated since 2008, with many employees earning as little as €14,000 per year in Madrid.

After extensive negotiations and strikes, an agreement was reached to increase the salaries of graduate workers from €14,100 to €15,300 and ensure that workers with three years' experience would not earn less than €17,100.

Despite changing expectations about benefits and working conditions, marathon workdays have persisted in the 'Big Four' firms. The recession of 2008 and the subsequent competitive labor market contributed to a mindset that values job security over working conditions.

Furthermore, a significant portion of new hires at these consulting firms consists of recent graduates with no prior work experience. A report by the Spanish Association of Consulting Companies revealed that 29% of new contracts in 2021 were awarded to fresh graduates.

For many young professionals, enduring these demanding work conditions is perceived as a means to advance their careers in a highly competitive job market.

The fines imposed on the 'Big Four' consulting firms underscore the need for improved working conditions and adherence to labor laws within the consulting sector in Spain.

Chemours Held Partially Liable for PFAS-Related Environmental Damage, Rules Court



IN a significant legal development, the chemical factory Chemours, located in Dordrecht, has been deemed partially responsible for the environmental damage incurred by neighboring municipalities due to PFAS contamination. This judgment has been delivered in an interim verdict by the Rotterdam District Court in a civil case.

The court's ruling points to omissions by Chemours and its predecessor, DuPont, in withholding crucial information about the harmful emissions when applying for permits. This legal action was initiated by the municipalities of Dordrecht, Papendrecht, Sliedrecht, and Molenlanden. With the court's key findings favoring the municipalities, the path towards a compensation procedure is now open. The municipalities aim to recover the expenses arising from the contamination, which encompass soil and health investigations, as well as financial losses due to soil pollution. While this case is essentially separate from legal proceedings initiated by residents in the vicinity, it may intersect with them in due course.

Between 1984 and 1998, the court concluded that the emission of the PFAS variant PFOA through the air constituted an unlawful act. DuPont, which Chemours separated from in 2015, was aware of the hazards but failed to adequately inform the authorities responsible for granting permits, as stated in the verdict. The court cannot yet determine whether emissions from 1998 to 2012 were also unlawful; this aspect will be addressed in a subsequent ruling.

In contrast, the court found that the emission of another substance, GenX, was not unlawful. The municipalities failed to sufficiently establish the risks associated with the relatively small quantities emitted since 2012. Nevertheless, Chemours may still bear the costs of GenX removal if the quantities emitted prove to be greater than currently known.

The final verdict in this case is yet to be scheduled, but the court does not anticipate it will be delivered this year.

Background

This legal dispute has been ongoing since 2018. The municipalities assert that their residents and others should not be exposed to the consequences of PFAS emissions without consent, emphasizing that these substances have no place in the environment, water, soil, or food. The municipalities argue that Chemours should have shared information about the environmental and health risks when applying for the necessary permits and should have taken more effective measures to mitigate emissions' consequences.

In response, Chemours stated that it possessed permits to emit the relevant substances and highlighted its efforts in recent years to reduce emissions. Earlier this month, it was revealed that Chemours had attempted to reach a settlement in the case, which the municipalities declined.
Chemours has expressed its intention to carefully examine the verdict and refrain from substantive commentary at this time. The company underscores its commitment to addressing the concerns of residents in the vicinity of its Dordrecht facility.

Zembla Investigation

In June, a broadcast of the BNNVARA program Zembla made it evident that Chemours predecessor DuPont had been aware for decades of the risks associated with PFAS production for both its employees and the surrounding environment.As early as the 1990s, a PFAS coordinator was appointed, who identified substantial PFAS leakage. He warned that managing the contamination was exceedingly challenging and could lead to liability claims.

Understanding PFAS

PFAS represents a group of thousands of synthetic chemicals not naturally found in the environment. The acronym stands for poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances, including notable types like GenX, PFOA, and PFOS. These substances are heat-resistant and exhibit water, grease, and dirt-repelling properties. They are utilized as non-stick coatings in cookware, in water-resistant clothing, firefighting foam, and cosmetics. PFAS is environmentally detrimental, hardly degradable, and poses risks to the immune system. Some PFAS types have been classified as potentially carcinogenic upon prolonged exposure.

Ongoing Legal Proceedings

Chemours is the subject of additional legal actions. In a recent development, lawyer Bénédicte Ficq, on behalf of over 3,000 residents in the vicinity, filed a criminal complaint against Chemours' management for alleged unlawful conduct that endangered the health and lives of nearby residents, despite the company's knowledge of the risks.
Furthermore, a former employee suffering from serious health issues has individually summoned Chemours, holding the company liable for his deteriorating health.
Earlier this year, the province of South Holland lost a case against Chemours, which centered on whether emissions of potentially harmful substances could be limited. However, the province is pursuing an appeal.

Additionally, South Holland has filed a complaint regarding the illegal discharge of the PFAS variant trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) by Chemours. The company has previously been subject to a fine of €125,000, payable if it discharges TFA into the sewer system again.
While legal battles continue, the ramifications of PFAS contamination persist as a pressing concern for both affected communities and environmental regulators.

Google Celebrates 25th Anniversary:

From a Dorm Room Project to Tech Giant

ON September 27, 2023, Google, the American multinational technology behemoth, marks its 25th birthday, tracing its extraordinary journey from modest origins to global dominance.
In the mid-'90s, the fateful meeting of two brilliant minds, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, took place within the hallowed halls of Stanford University's computer science program. Little did they know that their collaboration would forever alter the digital landscape. Their research project, initially named "BackRub," would evolve into the world-transforming search engine known today as Google.

Larry Page delved into the intricate mathematics of the World Wide Web's link structure, laying the foundation for a revolutionary search algorithm that propelled Google to its current status as a search giant. By 1998, their research project had metamorphosed into Google, a name inspired by 'Googol,' a mathematical term signifying an enormous number.

In August 1998, Google Inc. received its official birth certificate in the form of a $100,000 check from Andy Bechtolsheim, co-founder of Sun Microsystems. From their Stanford dorm room, Page and Brin transitioned to their first "office" – a rented garage in Menlo Park, California. This garage, adorned with both computers and a ping pong table, became their sanctuary as they tirelessly worked to manifest their vision of an organized internet.

Today, Google's influence transcends its foundational search engine. With products such as YouTube, Android, Gmail, and Google Maps, Google has become an integral part of billions of lives across the globe.



Google's ascendancy in the tech sphere surged when it became the default search engine for Yahoo in 2000. In October of the same year, the company introduced AdWords, a move that laid the groundwork for Google's dominance in online advertising.

Another pivotal moment arrived in 2004 when Google unveiled Gmail, offering a groundbreaking 1GB of storage capacity. This move not only made Gmail an essential part of daily life but also solidified its position against competitors like YahooMail and Microsoft's Hotmail. The company went public in August of the same year. Google's foray into mobile began with the acquisition of Android in 2005 and the launch of Google Talk. In 2006, the acquisition of YouTube marked Google's entry into the online video arena.

The company's acquisition spree continued in 2007 with the addition of DoubleClick, further expanding its influence in online advertising. The introduction of universal search in 2007 empowered users to access a diverse range of content types within a single search.
In 2008, Google unveiled its inaugural Android phone, the T-Mobile G1, and introduced the world to the Chrome web browser. Subsequent years witnessed milestones such as the introduction of Google Glass, the acquisition of mapping startup Waze, and the establishment of Alphabet, Google's parent company, with Sundar Pichai assuming the role of Google's CEO.

As Google embarks on its next quarter-century, CEO Sundar Pichai emphasized the company's commitment to harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in a recent blog post. Google's pursuit of AI excellence positions it as a major player in this burgeoning field. The forthcoming 25 years will likely demand even greater innovation and impact from Google as it strives to maintain its preeminent position in the ever-evolving tech landscape.

Anchorage Joins Coalition Urging Supreme Court Review of Homeless Camping Decision

THE Municipality of Anchorage has aligned itself with a coalition of over a dozen cities and jurisdictions, making a collective plea to the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of a pivotal federal court ruling. This decision has reshaped the response to homelessness in several Western states in recent years, and Anchorage, under the leadership of Mayor Dave Bronson, is seeking greater flexibility in enforcing regulations pertaining to homeless camping on public lands.

At a news conference, Mayor Bronson underscored the complexity of the homelessness crisis and expressed concerns about the profound impact of two rulings issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, which has jurisdiction over Alaska and eight other Western states. The cases in question, Martin v. Boise and Grants Pass v. Johnson, have centered on the rights of homeless individuals to camp on municipal property when no alternative indoor shelter is available to them.

The heart of the matter lies in whether local governments have the latitude to implement bans on homeless camping in public spaces. The 9th Circuit's rulings have, to a significant extent, shielded homeless individuals from punitive measures, such as jail time or fines, for sleeping outdoors when homeless shelters are at capacity. This interpretation is based on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, which protects individuals from cruel and unusual punishment.



Notably, the Supreme Court declined to take up the Martin v. Boise case in 2019, thereby upholding the 9th Circuit's conclusion. This decision has since come under mounting criticism from various quarters, with concerns spanning the ideological spectrum. Local governments, regardless of their political leanings, have grappled with the threat of legal action or injunctions when trying to enact policies addressing homelessness.

The other case, Grants Pass v. Johnson, revolves around the definition of "camping" on public lands. The 9th Circuit's ruling in favor of homeless residents left a critical question unanswered—what constitutes a reasonable right for individuals to protect themselves from the elements when sleeping outdoors? This ambiguity has left municipalities and law enforcement agencies uncertain about whether they can regulate elaborate outdoor camp setups on sidewalks and in public parks.

The decision to join this coalition reflects Anchorage's determination to navigate the complex issue of homelessness while also addressing the legal challenges posed by the 9th Circuit's rulings.
As cities grapple with the practical implications of these decisions, the Supreme Court's review could offer much-needed clarity on how local governments can balance compassion for the homeless with the broader interests of public safety and land use regulations. The outcome of this legal battle may have far-reaching consequences for municipalities across the Western United States.

Aaron Rodgers Urges Jets' Offense to Maintain Composure Amid Sideline Tensions

DURING a recent appearance on "The Pat McAfee Show," Aaron Rodgers expressed his disappointment with the New York Jets' performance in Sunday's game against the New England Patriots. However, it wasn't just the on-field play that concerned him; it was the atmosphere on the Jets' sideline that prompted his remarks.

Rodgers, who has been sidelined since undergoing surgery earlier this month following a season-ending Achilles tear in Week 1, voiced his desire to see more "poise" from the team, especially in light of their 1-2 start to the season.

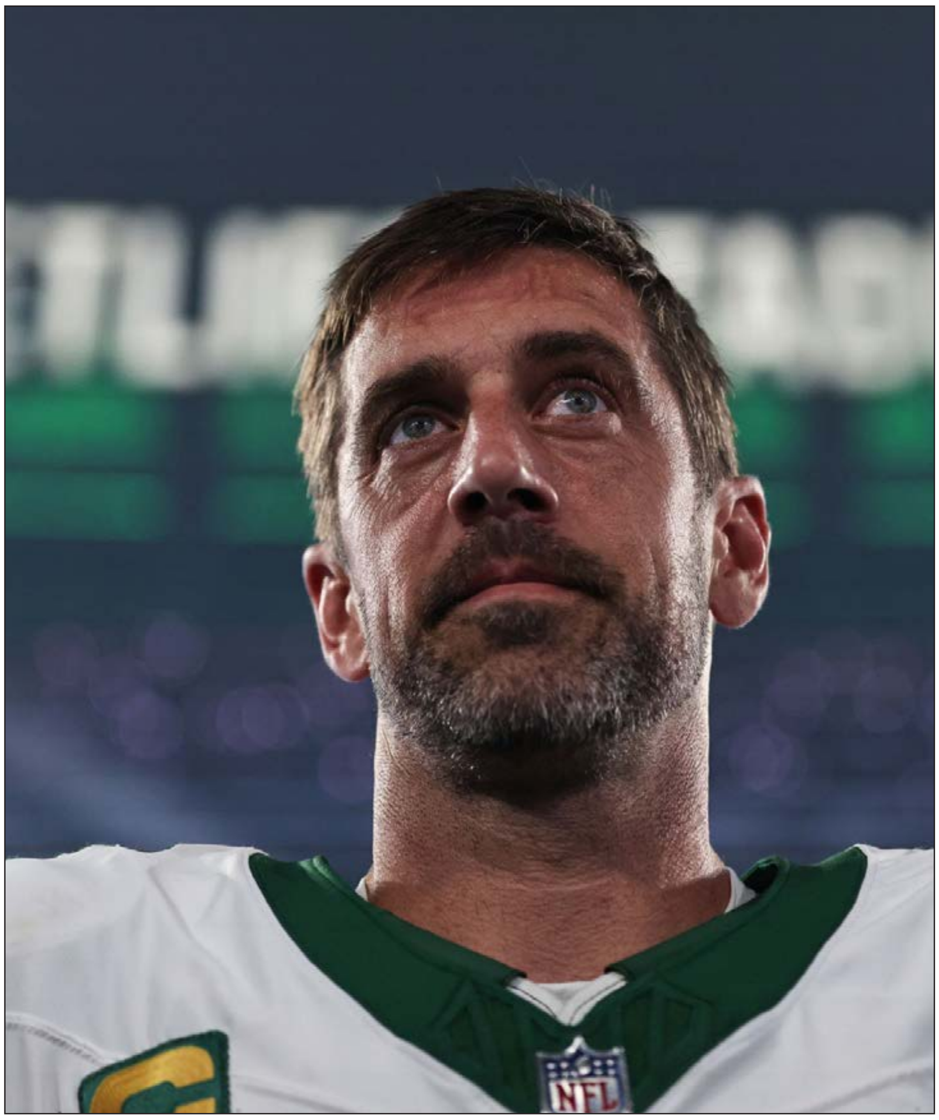
"This is what teams have to go through. There's adversity points in every season. This year it's happening early, and people are coming for us. And there are some heated conversations on the sideline and different things," Rodgers began.

"I think we need to hold our poise a little better, really just offensively. We need to not have some of those things happening on the sideline and to be a little better, and to be a little – just be a little better competitors."

The four-time league MVP was referring to two specific incidents captured on camera during Sunday's broadcast. In one, Offensive Rookie of the Year Garrett Wilson was seen engaged in a conversation with quarterback Zach Wilson and offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett, during which he appeared to express his frustrations.
The other incident involved running back Michael Carter, who was observed passionately addressing running backs coach Taylor Embree.

When asked about the sideline exchange, Garrett Wilson explained, "Just frustration that we're not moving the ball. That's what it was. Our defense was stringing together some stops, and I felt like it was time to go. Time to go, time to put some points on the board. That's all."
Carter, for his part, emphasized his deep respect for Coach Embree and attributed the spirited discussion to their shared competitive spirit.

However, Rodgers had a different perspective on the matter, stating, "It doesn't matter. It's like you win the game, that's the most important thing, however you got to get it done. There's been, I think, too many little side conversations. And we just need to grow up a little bit on offense and lock in and do our jobs — everybody — and not point fingers at each other."



As the Jets navigate the challenges of their season, Rodgers' call for unity and composure serves as a reminder of the importance of teamwork and solidarity in the pursuit of success on the football field.

Atlanta Braves Star Ronald Acuña Jr. Achieves Historic Milestone, Joins



IN a historic moment, Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. solidified his name in the annals of Major League Baseball (MLB) history on Friday night. His 40th home run of the season, a spectacular first-inning blast off Washington Nationals pitcher Patrick Corbin, propelled Acuña into the illustrious 40-40 Club, a select group of athletes who have achieved the remarkable dual feat of hitting 40 home runs and stealing 40 bases in a single season.

Acuña's achievement places him among baseball legends, becoming only the fifth player in MLB history to attain this extraordinary milestone. The exclusive 40-40 Club had previously welcomed Oakland Athletics' Jose Canseco in 1988, followed by the likes of San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds in 1996, Seattle Mariners' Alex Rodriguez in 1998, and the Washington Nationals' Alfonso Soriano in 2006.

What sets Acuña apart from his predecessors in the 40-40 Club is his exceptional base-stealing prowess. As of Friday, the 25-year-old Venezuelan sensation has swiped an astonishing 68 bases this season, an achievement unparalleled by any previous member of the club and a testament to his incredible speed and agility on the field.

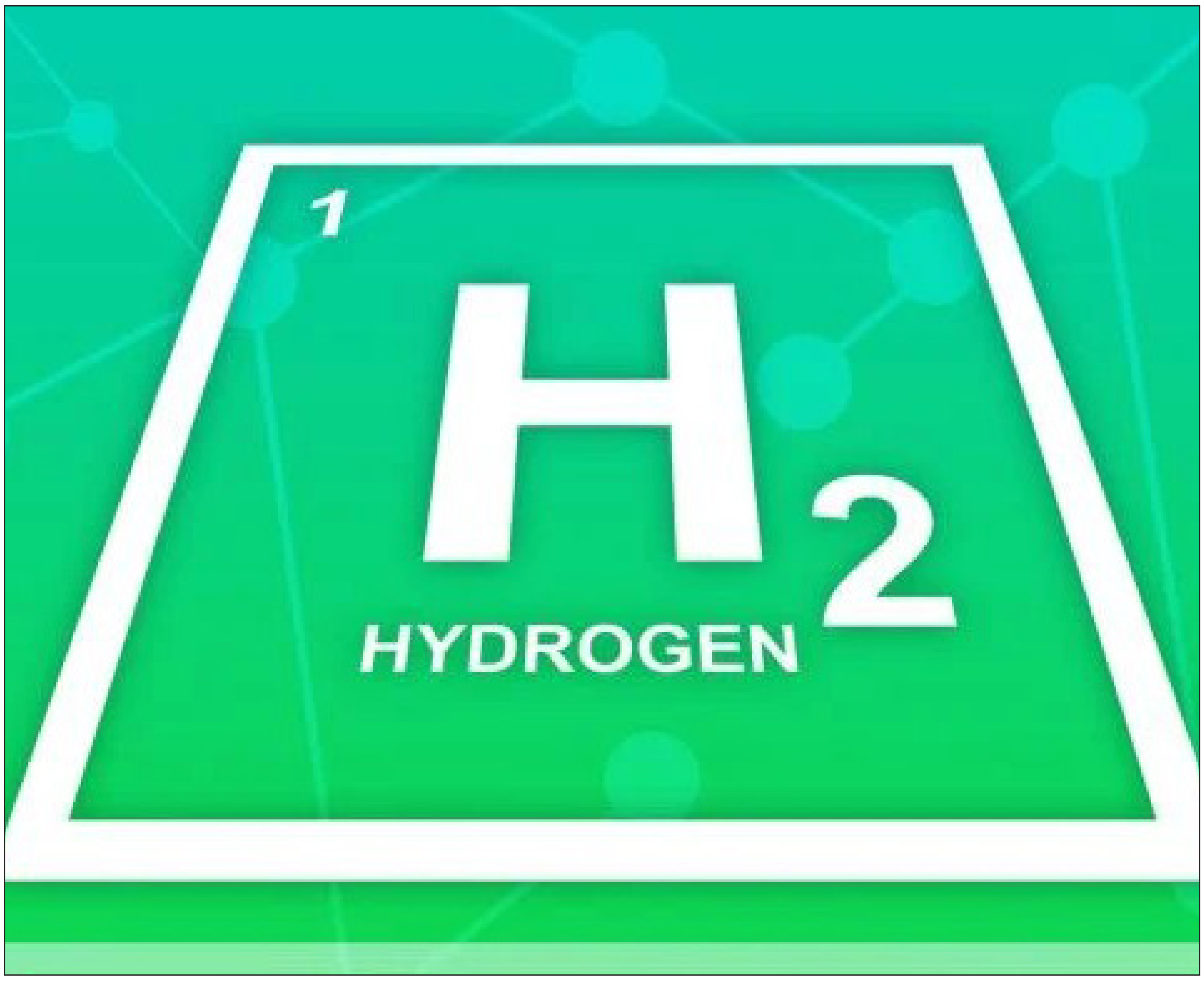
The 2018 National League Rookie of the Year and four-time All-Star is now in prime position to contend for his first Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. Acuña boasts a remarkable .338 batting average, coupled with an impressive tally of 101 runs batted in (RBIs), complementing his prodigious home run and stolen base figures.

In addition to his individual accolades, Acuña has been an instrumental force in leading the Atlanta Braves to a dominating 99-55 record, making them the team with the best record in the entire MLB. With the postseason scheduled to commence on October 3, Acuña's electrifying performance has positioned the Braves as formidable contenders for championship glory.

Acuña's journey to the 40-40 Club is a testament to his extraordinary talent, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the world of baseball. As the season progresses, all eyes will be on this exceptional athlete, eagerly awaiting the possibility of further historic achievements on the diamond.

Low-Carbon Hydrogen Faces Cost Challenges, Calls for Support Grow

LOW-CARBON hydrogen, touted as a pivotal player in the transition to sustainable energy, currently faces cost competitiveness issues in most applications and locations, according to an analysis by the World Energy Council (WEC), conducted in collaboration with PwC and the U.S. Electric Power Research Institute.



The report highlights the need for substantial support to bridge the cost gap and accelerate the adoption of green hydrogen, but it also points to the sector's increasing prominence and positive market signals.

Environmental and political factors are aligning to elevate the profile of green hydrogen, offering a glimmer of hope for its future. Numerous pilot projects are either under development, construction, or already operational on a global scale. Hydrogen, known as a versatile energy carrier, finds applications in various sectors, including industry and transport.

Green hydrogen, produced via methods like electrolysis using renewable energy sources, is considered a cornerstone for achieving carbon neutrality. However, its current cost structure presents a significant challenge. Most hydrogen production still relies on fossil fuels, and green hydrogen production remains expensive.

The U.S. Department of Energy has embarked on the Energy Earthshots Initiative, with the initial goal of reducing the cost of clean hydrogen to $1 per kilogram within a decade. Presently, green hydrogen costs hover around $5 per kilogram, demonstrating the magnitude of the cost reduction required to make it a competitive energy source.

Several countries are actively fostering bilateral partnerships to establish global hydrogen supply chains, ensuring a clean and secure hydrogen supply. With the right policies and technological advancements, some projections suggest that green hydrogen could become cost-competitive with other energy solutions as early as 2030.

However, the hydrogen economy faces what the WEC report terms a "chicken and egg problem" in terms of supply and demand. To establish a sustainable value chain, secure volumes of supply and demand must complement each other effectively.

Additionally, there is a growing debate surrounding the use of colors, such as brown, blue, gray, and pink, to classify hydrogen production methods based on their carbon footprint. Clear and universally accepted color codes for specific technologies are needed to avoid prematurely dismissing potentially cost-effective solutions.

Despite these challenges, various firms are entering the green hydrogen sector. SSE Renewables and Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, for example, recently announced a partnership to explore opportunities related to green hydrogen production at selected wind farms in Scotland and Ireland.

In conclusion, green hydrogen is emerging as a crucial player in the quest for sustainable energy solutions. While cost competitiveness remains a hurdle, the increasing focus on environmental concerns and global pilot projects offers hope that, with concerted efforts and support, green hydrogen can become a prominent component of the clean energy landscape in the coming years.

Navigating Life's Curveballs:

Strategies for Dealing with Disappointment

Introduction

Life is a journey filled with twists and turns, and disappointment is an inevitable part of that voyage. However, how we handle and overcome disappointment can significantly impact our well-being and personal growth.

In this article, we will explore practical strategies to help you navigate disappointment effectively, emerging stronger and more resilient than before.

Acknowledge Your Emotions

When disappointment strikes, the first step is to acknowledge your emotions. It's perfectly normal to feel upset, sad, frustrated, or even angry. Recognizing and validating these feelings is essential for your emotional well-being.

Grant Yourself Time

Healing from disappointment takes time, and it's crucial not to rush the process. Understand that it's okay to take a step back, regroup, and give yourself the time needed to come to terms with what has happened.

Embrace Self-Compassion

Practice self-compassion. Be as kind and understanding to yourself as you would to a close friend going through a similar situation. Avoid self-blame and negative self-talk, which can exacerbate feelings of disappointment.

Gain Perspective

Try to gain perspective on the situation. Consider whether the disappointment will have a lasting impact on your life or if it's a temporary setback. Often, what feels devastating in the moment may not hold the same weight in the grand scheme of things.

Extract Valuable Lessons

Disappointment can serve as a valuable teacher. Use this opportunity to reflect on what went wrong and what lessons you can learn from the experience. These insights can guide you toward better decision-making in the future.

Reach Out for Support

Don't hesitate to seek support from friends, family, or a therapist. Sharing your feelings and experiences with others can provide comfort, fresh perspectives, and a sense of connection during difficult times.

Set Realistic Expectations

Examine whether your disappointment stems from unrealistic expectations. Setting realistic goals and expectations for yourself can help minimize future letdowns and promote a more positive outlook.

Focus on the Controllable

While you may not control the outcome, you can control your response and actions moving forward. Concentrate on what you can do to improve the situation or your emotional well-being.

Prioritize Self-Care

Taking care of your physical and emotional needs is paramount. Engage in self-care activities that nurture your well-being, such as exercise, meditation, reading, or simply spending time in nature.

Visualize a Positive Future

Use disappointment as a source of motivation. Envision a positive future and set new goals for yourself. Channel the energy from your disappointment into determination and perseverance.



Practice Gratitude

Incorporate gratitude into your daily life by reflecting on the aspects you are thankful for. Fostering gratitude can shift your focus away from disappointment and toward the positive aspects of your life.

Strengthen Your Resilience

Disappointment is a natural part of life's ebb and flow. Building resilience is a valuable skill that enables you to bounce back from setbacks and face future challenges with confidence.

Seek Professional Assistance

If disappointment leads to prolonged feelings of sadness, anxiety, or depression, consider seeking help from a mental health professional. They can offer guidance, support, and strategies to manage and overcome persistent negative emotions.

In conclusion, disappointment is a universal experience, but how we handle it can determine our personal growth and resilience. By applying these strategies and practicing self-compassion, you can navigate disappointment with grace and emerge from it as a stronger and more resilient individual, ready to face life's challenges with renewed vigor.

Remember that disappointment is a temporary setback on your journey, not the final destination.

TU Delft Achieves Highest Ranking Among Dutch Universities on World Stage

IN a recent global ranking by the British magazine Times Higher Education, TU Delft has ascended from the 70th position to an impressive 48th place. This achievement marks the first time a Dutch university has broken into the coveted top 50 since 2016.



Over the past four years, Wageningen University has held the title of the leading Dutch university. However, in the latest annual World University Rankings, they slipped from 59th to 64th place. Equally surprising is the fact that the University of Utrecht has, for the first time since 2011, fallen out of the top 100. The reasons behind Utrecht's decline and Delft's remarkable ascent remain shrouded in mystery.

A Remarkable Showing for Dutch Universities

The University of Amsterdam secured the second-best spot among Dutch universities, landing at 61st place, just ahead of Wageningen. Additionally, the University of Leiden (77th), the University of Groningen (79th), and Erasmus University Rotterdam (99th) all managed to secure places within the top 100. Meanwhile, the British University of Oxford retained its prestigious title as the world's best university for the eighth consecutive year.

Times Higher Education conducts annual assessments of universities, evaluating their performance based on various criteria, including education quality, research output, knowledge transfer, and global positioning. This ranking is one of the most respected global assessments of universities, providing valuable insights into the state of higher education worldwide.

The Evolution of the Modern Gentleman:

Embracing Values in a Contemporary World



IN a world of shifting norms and evolving societal expectations, the notion of a "modern gentleman" persists as a reflection of character and conduct, transcending the confines of traditional gender roles. This article explores the concept of the modern gentleman, highlighting the qualities and behaviors that define this timeless archetype in today's dynamic landscape.

Respect Knows No Boundaries
At the heart of the modern gentleman lies respect — an unwavering commitment to treating everyone with kindness, dignity, and courtesy. Regardless of gender, ethnicity, or creed, a modern gentleman extends respect to all, creating an inclusive and harmonious environment.

Politeness: An Ageless Virtue
Politeness and good manners remain the hallmark of a modern gentleman. These traits transcend mere etiquette; they represent an expression of genuine consideration for others. In a world often marred by impatience, a courteous demeanor stands as a testament to civility.

Dress with Purpose
While the modern gentleman's attire may not always adhere to traditional formalities, it is characterized by a conscious choice to present oneself thoughtfully. The modern gentleman understands that attire is a powerful form of self-expression and selects clothing that aligns with the occasion.

Confidence without Conceit
Confidence, when balanced with humility, defines the modern gentleman. It's an assurance rooted not in arrogance but in self-awareness. This quality empowers individuals to navigate life's challenges with grace and assurance.

Integrity: The Bedrock of Character
The modern gentleman upholds the highest standards of integrity, adhering to a moral compass that guides their actions. They approach life with honesty and ethical principles that serve as pillars of strength in their interactions.

Embrace Diversity with Open Arms
In our interconnected world, cultural awareness and openness to different perspectives are essential traits. The modern gentleman celebrates diversity and fosters an environment of inclusion and mutual understanding.

Chivalry Reimagined
Chivalry, often associated with acts of gallantry from a bygone era, takes on a new form in the modern gentleman. Holding doors open, offering assistance, and extending courtesy are not mere gestures but expressions of kindness and respect for others.

Emotional Intelligence: Navigating the Heart
The modern gentleman possesses emotional intelligence, an understanding of their own emotions and an empathetic connection with others. This capacity for emotional awareness fosters deep and meaningful relationships.

A Lifelong Quest for Knowledge
In the pursuit of personal growth and self-improvement, the modern gentleman embraces lifelong learning. They recognize that knowledge is a continuous journey, and intellectual curiosity fuels their quest for wisdom.

Responsibility and Compassion
Assuming responsibility for one's actions and demonstrating compassion toward others are cornerstones of the modern gentleman's character. They stand as pillars of accountability and benevolence in a world often marked by indifference.

The concept of the modern gentleman is not a rigid archetype; it is fluid and adaptable. It accommodates diverse personalities, cultural backgrounds, and societal expectations.
At its core, being a modern gentleman is about embodying values that transcend time and place — values that reflect a commitment to treating others well and striving to be the best version of oneself in a world that continually evolves. In a contemporary landscape marked by change, the modern gentleman remains an enduring beacon of virtue and character.

A Heartwarming Chronicle

Grandparents Elevating the Art of Nurturing



IN the realm of family dynamics, grandparents often play a pivotal role in the lives of their grandchildren. It's a journey marked by warmth and affection, where the elderly generation imparts wisdom and love, forging deep connections.

Today, we embark on a heartwarming exploration of how grandparents can elevate this role to become exceptional figures in their grandchildren's lives.

Love Beyond Measure:
Grandparents, as the seasoned architects of familial bonds, are often masters of unconditional love. They bestow endless affection upon their grandchildren, dedicating quality time to engage in meaningful conversations, lending a sympathetic ear to their stories, and offering a constant wellspring of emotional support. Their mission: ensuring that their cherished young ones are enveloped in a cocoon of unwavering love and care.

Respecting Parental Choices:
Respect forms the bedrock of harmonious relationships, and grandparents understand the significance of honoring the parenting decisions made by their adult children—the parents. This respect extends to all aspects of child-rearing, including discipline, daily routines, and household rules. In acknowledging the authority of the parents, grandparents contribute to a unified and supportive family environment.

A Steadfast Presence:
Being there for grandchildren transcends the physical realm. Emotional availability is equally essential. Grandparents communicate the message that they are a dependable source of guidance, comfort, and companionship. Their role goes beyond being occasional visitors; they become pillars of emotional strength in the lives of their grandchildren.

Crafting Cherished Traditions:
Exceptional grandparents are renowned for creating traditions that bring joy and anticipation. Whether it's the delight of baking cookies together or the comfort of sharing a beloved bedtime story, these rituals form the cornerstone of precious memories that grandchildren carry with them throughout their lives.

In closing, the art of exceptional grandparenting is akin to nurturing a garden of love and support for grandchildren to flourish. Through the bonds they cultivate, the boundaries they respect, and the enduring love they provide, grandparents are the guiding lights that enrich the lives of both generations. This is a heartfelt tribute to those remarkable grandparents who elevate their role to become cherished figures in the beautiful tapestry of family life.

The Cycle of Human Resilience:

Understanding the Wisdom of G. Michael Hopf's Quote

IN the ebb and flow of history and human society, there exists a profound truth, often attributed to the American historian and author G. Michael Hopf.

The essence of this wisdom lies in a simple yet powerful quote: *"Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And, weak men create hard times."*

In this article, we will explore the depth and significance of this quote, shedding light on its relevance to the ever-evolving tapestry of our world.

The Cyclic Nature of Human History

At its core, this quote embodies the cyclical nature of human history and societal evolution. It serves as a reminder that the challenges faced by one generation can forge the strength and resilience of the next. Conversely, periods of ease and prosperity can sometimes lead to complacency and vulnerability.

1. Hard Times Create Strong Men

The first part of the quote, "Hard times create strong men," encapsulates the idea that adversity often serves as a crucible for personal growth and resilience. It's during difficult periods that individuals and societies are tested, their mettle forged in the fires of hardship. Strong men and women emerge from these trials, having honed their skills and character in the face of adversity.

2. Strong Men Create Good Times

As strong individuals and communities arise from the challenges of hard times, they possess the ability to shape more favorable circumstances. "Strong men create good times" emphasizes how the resilience and resourcefulness of one generation can pave the way for progress, prosperity, and stability. These periods of abundance often lead to innovations, advancements, and a higher quality of life.

3. Good Times Create Weak Men

Yet, therein lies a paradox. As societies bask in the comfort of good times and relative ease, there is a risk of complacency. The quote suggests that periods of prosperity can sometimes foster a sense of entitlement and weaken the very



qualities that led to success. "Good times create weak men" serves as a cautionary note, warning against the erosion of resilience and self-reliance in times of plenty.

4. Weak Men Create Hard Times

Ultimately, the cycle completes itself as "Weak men create hard times." When resilience wanes and the strengths of a society diminish, it becomes more vulnerable to challenges and setbacks. Weaknesses that may have been overlooked during good times can manifest as crises during difficult periods, thus initiating the cycle anew.

The Implications for Today

As we reflect on this quote in the context of our contemporary world, it invites us to consider the state of our society and the challenges we face. It encourages us to be mindful of the lessons of history and to recognize the importance of fostering resilience, adaptability, and resourcefulness in ourselves and the generations to come.

Moreover, it reminds us that progress and prosperity are not guaranteed but require diligence, responsibility, and a commitment to maintaining the strengths that have brought us to this point.

In conclusion, G. Michael Hopf's quote serves as a poignant commentary on the rhythms of history and human nature. It underscores the vital role that resilience plays in shaping our destiny and reminds us that the future is not preordained but a product of our actions and choices. Whether in hard times or good times, the quote encourages us to be the architects of our own fate, mindful of the ever-turning wheel of human history.



Captivating Beauty and Mystique:
Unveiling 'The Girl with a Pearl Earring' by Johannes Vermeer"

IN the annals of art history, there are certain masterpieces that transcend time and place, captivating generations of admirers with their allure and enigma. Among these illustrious works stands Johannes Vermeer's "The Girl with a Pearl Earring," often hailed as the "Mona Lisa of the North." This article will delve into the captivating beauty and enduring mystique of this iconic painting.

A Glimpse of Timeless Grace

Johannes Vermeer, a Dutch painter of the Golden Age, was renowned for his ability to infuse everyday scenes with an ethereal quality, and "The Girl with a Pearl Earring" is a quintessential example of his mastery. The subject of the painting, a young woman, gazes out with an expression that has bewitched art lovers for centuries. Her gaze is both direct and mysterious, inviting contemplation of her inner thoughts and emotions.

The Magnetic Pearl Earring

At the heart of the painting is the girl's striking pearl earring, which dangles from her earlobe like a luminous teardrop. Vermeer's meticulous attention to detail and his ability to capture the interplay of light on the pearl add to its mesmerizing quality. The pearl itself becomes a symbol of purity, beauty, and intrigue, drawing the viewer's eye and imagination.

The Play of Light and Shadow

Vermeer's use of light in this masterpiece is nothing short of extraordinary. Illuminating the girl's face and earring with a soft, diffused light, he creates a sense of depth and three-dimensionality that makes the subject appear almost tangible. The contrast between the light and shadow highlights the girl's features, making her come alive on the canvas.

The 'Mona Lisa of the North'

Comparisons to da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" are not unwarranted. Much like the "Mona Lisa," "The Girl with a Pearl Earring" possesses an enigmatic quality that leaves viewers pondering the identity of the subject and the emotions hidden behind her gaze. The painting's ability to engage the viewer on both an aesthetic and emotional level has earned it this lofty title.

Enduring Influence

"The Girl with a Pearl Earring" continues to inspire and captivate artists, writers, and filmmakers. Tracy Chevalier's novel of the same name and the subsequent film adaptation brought Vermeer's masterpiece to a wider audience, further solidifying its place in popular culture.

Conclusion

In the strokes of Johannes Vermeer's brush, "The Girl with a Pearl Earring" transcends its status as a mere painting, becoming a timeless symbol of beauty, mystery, and the power of art to convey the ineffable. As viewers gaze upon the girl with the pearl earring, they are transported to a world where the boundaries between reality and imagination blur, and the essence of human emotion is captured in a single, mesmerizing image. Truly, this masterpiece stands as a testament to the enduring magic of art.

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